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# NOW THE REDS HAVE A 'NATO'

## Plans Ready, They Say TO GO INTO OPERATION IF PARIS PACTS RATIFIED

London, Mar. 21.

The Soviet Union announced tonight that it had reached "complete unanimity of views" with its satellites on the formation of a unified military command and similar to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

A Moscow Radio broadcast monitored in London quoted a Soviet Foreign Office statement as saying discussions between the Soviet Union and the seven satellite nations who attended the Moscow "conference on European security" last winter had reached "complete unanimity" on the principle of a treaty of friendship, co-operation and mutual aid and "the organisation of a unified command of the States."

The Communists warned the West last Autumn, that if the Paris agreements rearming Western Germany as a member of the Western European Union were approved, the nations of the Soviet bloc would form themselves into a military alliance similar to NATO.

U.S. Senator Calls For Big Power Talks

## Safety-first Stand By State Dept

Washington, Mar. 21.

The U.S. State Department said today it favoured a Big Power meeting with Russia provided there was some evidence agreement could be reached on such cold war issues as "the German and Austrian questions."

But Senator Walter George of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee urged President Eisenhower to take the lead in calling a heads-of-State conference without waiting for proof of Russia's good intentions. The White House replied to Senator George by referring reporters to previous public statements by President Eisenhower. The President has said he does not see how such a meeting could serve a useful purpose unless there is evidence of good faith by Russia.

Mr. Eisenhower has urged Russia to sign an Austrian peace treaty and agree to free elections on the unification of Germany. The State Department spokesman, Mr. Henry Snyder, cited the same two points in discussing the proposal of Senator George.

U.S. LEAD URGED

Senator George, top Democratic Congressional spokesman on foreign policy, called for a high-level conference as one "real hope of avoiding war" on a Sunday night TV show. He renewed the appeal today and urged Mr. Eisenhower to take the lead.

Senator George and the State Department agreed that the proposed meeting should not be held until after full ratification of the Paris agreements on German reunification. But he said his talks be held as soon as possible after that.

He said the President should confer with Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and the British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill. He said he did not think Communist China should be included in the talks "at this time" but he said France might take part.

Dispatches from London and Paris said the British and

The Moscow broadcast said the treaty would come into force, and the unified Command be created "in the event of the ratification of the Paris agreements, with the aim of ensuring the security of these States and in the interests of the maintenance of peace."

The announcement was seen by observers in London as yet another Soviet move aimed at delaying final ratification of the Paris treaties. They have already passed their major hurdles in Britain, France, Germany and Italy, the four nations principally concerned, but the French Upper House (Senate) has yet to approve them.

The Senate opens debate on the pact in Paris on Wednesday. It cannot reject them but it can suggest amendments which would send them back to the Chamber of Deputies for further reappraisal, thus delaying Germany's entry into the Western Union still further.

The Communists proposed their all-European conference last July but it was rejected by the West. The conference with only the eight Communist States of Europe and the Chinese "observers" participating, was held last autumn when the idea of an "Eastern NATO" was first mooted.

Marshal Grigori Zhukov, Soviet Defence Minister, was then named a likely candidate for the post of commander of such an organisation—United Press.

LONDON REACTION

The announcement of the Communist state decision to set up a joint military command is an 11th hour effort to influence French Senators to vote against the rearming of West Germany this week, diplomatic sources said tonight.

Officials say the establishment of a joint command will add nothing to the military effectiveness of the Communist bloc since the Eastern forces are already controlled by the Soviet Chief of Staff in Moscow—Reuter.

## Sir Winston To Resign 'With Great Reluctance'

London, Mar. 21.

Sir Winston Churchill will resign from the premiership in early April but only with the greatest reluctance, according to Parliamentary quarters tonight.

This is because his mind is still occupied with the "prize" he seeks—the chance to help world peace through a talk with top Soviet leaders, these sources said.

They added that if he is now finally convinced the opportunity to sought is as remote as ever, he will carry with him into retirement a sense of frustration that will mar his release from the cares of office.

Politicians say he is keenly waiting to see whether the French upper house this week ratifies the London and Paris agreements for West German rearmament, thus clearing the way for a fresh initiative for top-level talks with Moscow.

But it is unlikely, even if the climate for Big Power talks suddenly improves in the next few weeks, that the Prime Minister this time will change his mind about retiring, though he has done so twice since 1953.

It is considered certain, however, that he will go out of office, urging on his successor, Sir Anthony Eden, the need to pursue the idea of talks "at the summit" despite all discouragement.

Some politicians think that one of the new Prime Minister's first moves would be to sound out Moscow and Washington on the possibility of reopening negotiations for top-level talks—Reuter.

## \$50,000 Worth Of Jewellery Missing

A package of jewellery worth about \$50,000 which was being sent to Hongkong by air was found to be missing when a Cathay Pacific Airliner arrived at Kai Tak this morning.

The package containing precious stones was delivered and manifested at Singapore. The plane stopped at Penang on the way to Hongkong. Police are making enquiries.

## Aruba May Return To Rumania

Helsinki, Mar. 21.

The owners of the Finnish tanker Aruba said tonight the vessel may have been ordered to return to Constantza, Rumania, instead of proceeding with its cargo of jet fuel to Communist

China. Gunar Damstrom of Helsinki's Re-Be Shipping Company said the return of the Aruba to Constantza, from where it set out earlier this month for China, was "one of the arrangements we have discussed in trying to solve the case."

But he refused to say whether or not Far Eastern Enterprises Ltd., the Hongkong company which has chartered the Aruba, had actually ordered her to turn about.

Earlier, it was reported by informal shipping sources that Communist China had refused to send another jet tanker to pick up the Aruba's jet fuel cargo—United Press.

## Seven Killed In Air Crash

Paris, Mar. 21.

Seven persons were killed today when their plane crashed shortly after take-off from the French Air Force base of Cognac in the Department of Charente. The plane was a twin-engined Siebel machine used as a training aircraft by the French Air Force—France-Press.

## Big U.S. Carrier Arrives

The USS Midway

The 45,000-ton American aircraft carrier Midway, flying the flag of Rear-Admiral R. W. Riddle, Commander of United States Carrier Division 3, arrived from northern waters this morning on a recreational visit.

Because of her huge size Midway is now anchored in Junk Bay and will stay there until she leaves next Tuesday.

The carrier, which joined the Seventh Fleet as a unit of Task Force 77 recently, was to have called at Singapore and Hongkong on her way north, but altered her plans and steamed straight to the Formosa Straits to provide cover for the Nationalist evacuation of the Tachen Islands.

Midway carried a wartime strength of 3,170 enlisted men and 278 officers including air force personnel.

The carrier is 988 feet long (overall) and 138 feet wide. She has a draft of 32½ feet and a maximum speed of 33 knots. Her carrying capacity is 137 planes. Her armaments consist

## NEW WORLD TRADE ORGANISATION FORMED BY GATT

Geneva, Mar. 21.

An agreement establishing a new international body—the Organisation for Trade Co-operation—was disclosed tonight in a communique issued by the 34 member nations of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The communique gave the results of a conference here, which reviewed its seven-year-old rules for world fair trading. The conference, attended by representatives of all member governments, began here last November and was completed on March 7.

The communique said the agreement providing for the new organisation was being submitted to the governments concerned for approval.

The proposed organisation would have an Assembly, an Executive Committee and a Secretariat headed by a Director-General.

Its purpose would be to administer the General Agreement and to supersede the "present informal operational structure" in force since 1948.

It would "be able to sponsor international trade negotiations and to serve as an inter-governmental forum for the discussion and solution of other questions relating to international trade."

The communique said the agreement setting up the organisation would come into force when it had been accepted by governments with territories accounting for 85 per cent of the total external trade of the territories of the 34 member Governments.

The communique also made these five points in reviewing the work of the contracting parties to GATT.

They drew up a declaration extending the life of the tariff bound by the General Agreement from July 1955 until December 31, 1957. The communique said this would give "stability of tariff levels for a large proportion of world trade."

The contracting parties "reaffirmed the basic objectives and obligations" of the Agreement and "adapted its provisions to meet changed conditions." These basic objectives and obligations included the principle of non-discrimination in world trade and the general prohibition with certain exceptions of quantitative import restrictions.

They made special provision to deal with the problems of under-developed countries, giving them special concessions to protect their industries with certain tariffs and their balance of payments through import restrictions. Approval was given for Britain to grant "special assistance" to her colonies in this regard. And member nations were urged to give capital help to under-developed countries generally.

The GATT signatories also introduced new provisions to "limit the harmful effects of export subsidies."

They adopted a resolution providing that member nations disposing of agricultural surpluses should do so in a manner which would "avoid unduly provoking disturbances in the world market."

The resolution recommended that countries disposing of such surpluses should consult with the principal suppliers of these products and interested contracting parties before doing so.

Amendments to the existing agreement involved in the above changes would have to be approved by the member governments, but in the meantime the existing Agreement would remain in force.

"DYNAMIC FORCE"

Mr. Samuel C. Wagh, U.S. Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, said today it was the Administration's aim to present Congress with a bill setting up the Organisation for Trade Co-operation within the next two weeks.

Mr. Eric Wyndham White, Executive Secretary of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, described the OTC as "a dynamic force" in international trade.

"The fact that the terms of reference of this new organisation specifically lay down that it should sponsor international trade negotiations and serve as an inter-governmental forum for the discussion and solution of other questions relating to international trade makes it a dynamic force in the broadening development and strengthening of trade as a whole," he said—Reuter.

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## 'Chinese Reds As Fanatical As Hitler'

Mr Dulles Warns Of  
Dangerous Tactics

New York, Mar. 21.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, said today the tactics of the Chinese Communist leaders "may prove more dangerous and provocative of war than those of the Russian Soviets."

Mr. Dulles told the Advertising Club of New York that the "aggressive fanaticism of the Chinese Communist leaders had a certain parallel to that of Hitler."

Declaring that the Chinese Communist leaders were "dizzy with success" Mr. Dulles distinguished between their methods and those of the Russians.

"The temperament of the Chinese Communists is different and while in the long run, the Soviet method may prove more formidable, yet in the short run the Chinese Communist method may prove more dangerous and provocative of war."

NOT HOPELESS

Mr. Dulles said while he drew a sombre picture of the Chinese Communists "it is by no means a hopeless one."

He said: "With national unity under the calm and strong leadership of President Eisenhower, I remain hopeful that peace will yet prevail."

"I believe that there is still time to bring the Chinese Communists to a more sober mood. The fact is that their so-called successes have not in fact been due so much to their own strength as to contributing causes. Among these have been the restraint and patience of the free nations and their love of peace."

"These qualities should not be misinterpreted as manifestations of weakness and of fear," Reuter.

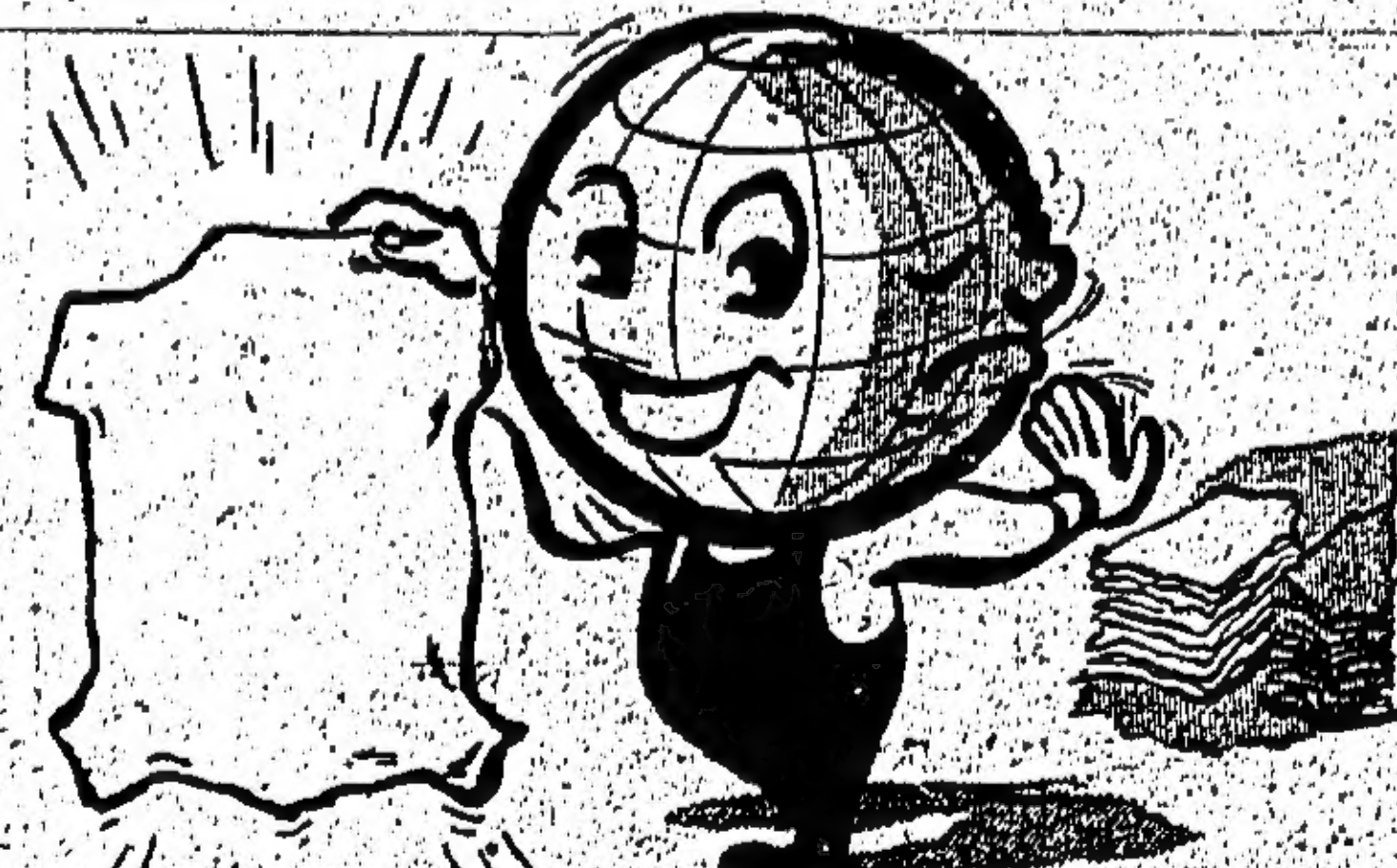
## Lost Hair And Fiance After A 'Perm'

Rome, Mar. 21.

Ida Aspidistria, a 24-year-old resident of Grasse, is hopping mad because, in one fell swoop, she has lost her hair and her fiance.

Miss Aspidistria went to the hairdresser to have a "perm." Two days later she had not a single hair on her head. When she saw what happened, her fiance left her.

Now Ida is suing the hairdresser for heavy damages not only for her lost hair but also for the loss of her husband-to-be—France-Press.



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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Decision At Last?

LAST week it started as a discrete whisper, a mere murmur channelled rather than spoken behind guarding hands into authoritative ears. The grey respect of Whitehall and its warren of sober, conservative bureaucracy was a-tremble with excitement and anticipation. The sombre minions of Britain's deskdom sensed rather than knew... the portentous news that Fleet Street shattered with the clarion call of two-inch type on Saturday.

And then the world knew it: "The Old Man is retiring—definitely." When? Your guess is as good as ours—and it may ever be as good as Sir Winston's. No. 10 Downing Street, of course, had nothing to say except for the almost trite observation that the retirement of their present incumbent was inevitable, as inevitable as tomorrow's dawn. Nevertheless, Wednesday's sunrise is, we venture to suggest, a safer prediction than Sir Winston's retirement in April.

Twice before the Prime Minister has contemplated the step and the news has been spread abroad. Twice he has changed his mind to the joy of some and the dismay and consternation of others—impetuous youngsters impatient for the responsibilities of ministerial office—in his party.

THIS time, the political observers advance a plausible train of argument to justify their speculation: absence before the budget, a holiday in Sicily, and meetings with the Queen. It all adds up, they say—Cynically, perhaps, we suspect the possibility of a miscalculation and prefer to counsel guarded caution.

As inevitable as Sir Winston's retirement, however, is Sir Anthony's preferment when the time comes. In the subsequent reshuffle of the Cabinet, the Minister for Defence, Mr. Harold McMillan may succeed to the post of Foreign Secretary. Mr. Nutting, the young, good-looking Minister of State at the Foreign Office is a dark horse not to be discounted as the champion of the youthful and perhaps overzealous aspirants to rank and fame in the Tory Party.

Mr. Butler as the supremely able Chancellor may achieve a new status in the party ranking, but in view of the current anxiety over the country's economy, he is likely to continue as the pathfinder to the nation's wealth and prosperity.

## U.S. Bomber Safe

The United States Air Force B-50 four-engined bomber, which circled Hongkong for an hour at 1 a.m. this morning with engine trouble has returned safely to its base at Clark Field, Manila.

The plane dropped four flares near Kai Tak and landing lights were turned on along the strip, but the pilot was advised to turn back because he was unfamiliar with airport conditions.

The pilot attempted to land at Kai Tak because one of his four engines had failed, but the plane arrived at Clark Field at 4.50 a.m. this morning.



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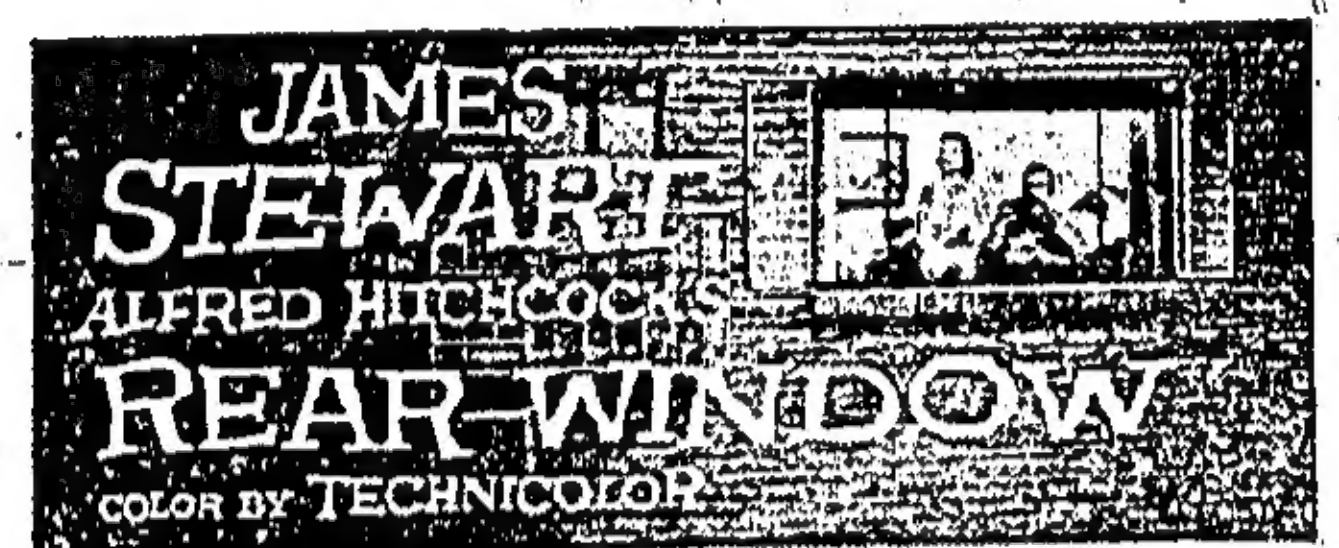
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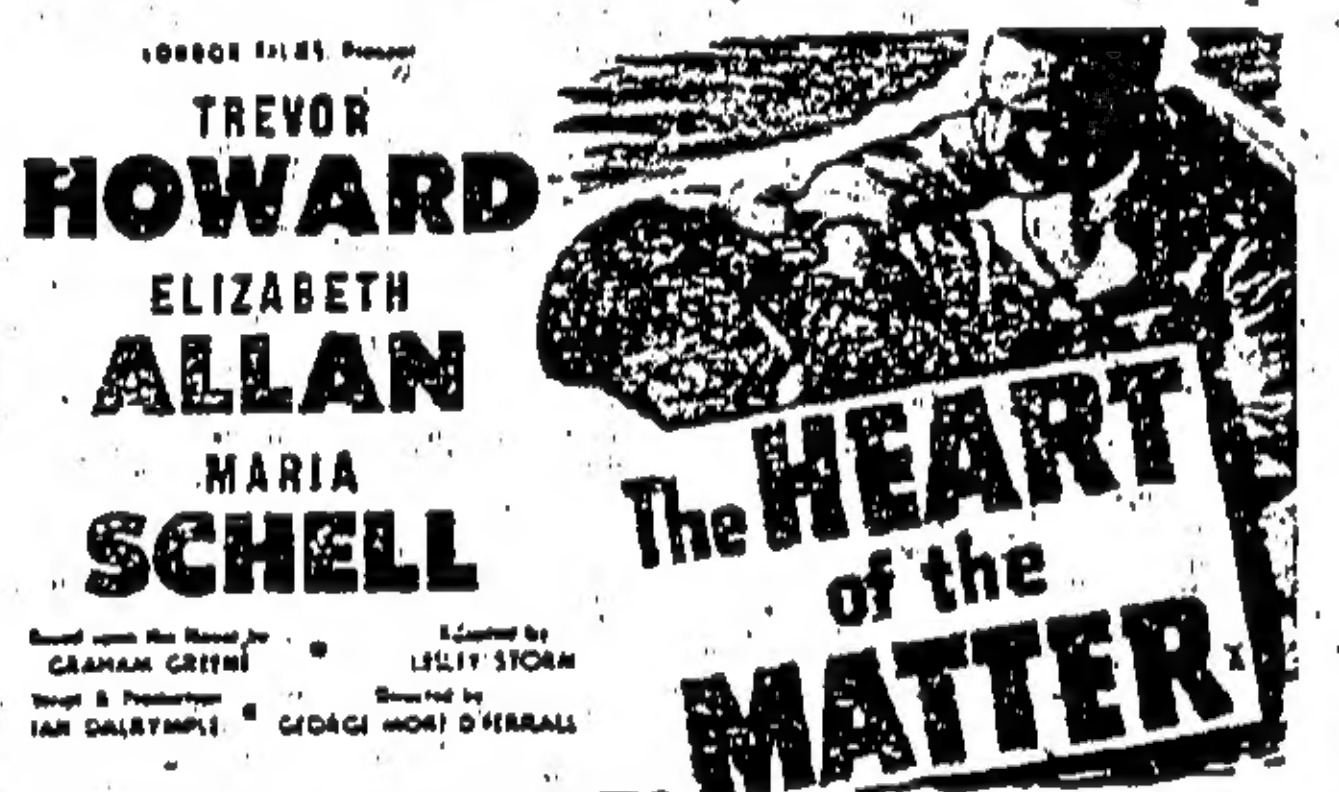


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## Negev Suggestion Is 'Blackmail' Says Israel

## LONDON DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS PUZZLED

Tel-Aviv, Mar. 21.

The Israeli Government tonight described as "blackmail" a suggestion yesterday by Major Salah Salem, Egyptian National Guidance Minister, that Egypt might be more ready to join a Western defence alliance if the Negev were detached from Israel and given to Jordan.

A Government spokesman commented: "No part of Israel's territory is at the disposal of anyone to serve as a quid pro quo for political or military arrangements of any kind."

He said Major Salem's statement was "another device of Egypt's war propaganda against Israel."

Whether Egypt does or does not join a Western defence alliance is entirely her own business. But if she does decide to join, it is idle for her to assume that she can exact blackmail at the expense of Israel's territorial integrity," he said.

## MINIMUM PRICE

Diplomatic observers in London said that Arab control of the Negev now appeared to be Egypt's minimum price for full military co-operation with the West.

Major Salem's statement puzzled diplomatic quarters here today.

He appeared to be demanding that Israel surrender the Negev and at the same time calling for Arab unity against Israel.

He gave no hint of compensation to Israel for loss of the territory.

This led to some speculation here that Egypt might be thinking of the transfer of the Negev as part of a bigger deal in an Arab-Israeli peace settlement. But there was no information available to give substance to the suggestion.

A common Egyptian-Jordanian border would unite the Arab states from southern Turkey down to Suez, a grouping which the Western Powers would like to see incorporated in a Middle East defence organisation.

Major Salem's statement might therefore have been intended to show the Western Powers that in attacking Iraq's pact with Turkey he was not ruling out altogether co-operation with them.

Diplomatic sources in London said Major Salem would find no

support here for the transfer of the Negev to Jordan as a step towards winning "Egypt's military association with the West." —China Mail Special & Reuter.

## America's Power Preventing Russian Attack

Washington, Mar. 21.

General Alfred Gruenther, Allied Commander in Europe, said tonight that America's "devastating" air-atomic power should prevent any Russian attack on Western Europe for the next three to four years.

He also said that during this period West Germany's forces would be arming and European defence strategy would be "based upon the use of atomic weapons against an aggressor."

General Gruenther predicted in a speech before the Advising Council that France may complete ratification of the German armistice by the end of this week.

## EQUIPMENT

He said West Germany may be equipped with 1,300 tactical aircraft, 12 army divisions and "small naval craft for Baltic Sea operations" within three to four years.

"After the German contribution is effective and if we can assume that atomic weapons will be used to repel an act of aggression," General Gruenther said, "We will have reasonably good assurance that we shall be able to defend Europe successfully."

Asked whether Europe would be in "mortal peril" during the next three to four years, General Gruenther said that offensive air power now had a great advantage over the defence. For example, he said, there is "the good defensive answer" to the American B-29 jet bomber and the "greatly superior" B-32 now coming from production lines.

"All of this means that we have an overwhelming air retaliatory capacity in the event that war should break out today," said General Gruenther.

## IN OUR FAVOUR

He expressed himself as "soberly optimistic" that there would be no World War III, declaring, "The tide is running in our favour, in spite of our troubles."

General Gruenther said that West German rearmament was urgent so that Europe could be defended further to the East along the Iron Curtain that was now possible. —United Press.

Paris, Mar. 21.

The Soviet Deputy Defence Minister, Marshal Leonid A. Govorov, who died on Saturday, will be given military honours at a state funeral tomorrow. Radio Moscow announced here tonight.

By order of the Defence Minister, Marshal Georgi Zhukov, the ceremony will be held with a salvo of artillery fire on Red Square tomorrow afternoon. —France-Press.



Crown Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands left the hospital of Utrecht University on Monday after having recovered from an operation for an acute appendicitis. Her father Prince Bernhard drove to the hospital to take his daughter home to the Palace of Soestdijk. Prince Bernhard and his daughter are pictured leaving the hospital. In the centre is Professor Dr J. F. Nubers who performed the operation. —Express Photo.

## VIETMINH PROTESTS

Hanoi, Mar. 21.

North Vietnam Radio reported today that Prince Souphanouvong, head of the Laotian Pathet Lao (who were allies of the Vietminh during the Indo-China war), has sent a letter to the International Armistice Control Commission protesting against "violations" of the armistice by Royal Laotian forces.

The protest was addressed to the President of the Armistice Commission, Dr J. N. Khosla (of India), the broadcast said.

The Radio said that Prince Souphanouvong's message denounced "acts in violation of the Geneva agreements by Royal Government forces on Laotian territory, and notably those (violations) which occurred in the northern provinces of Phong Saly and Sam Neua, regions under Vietminh control." —France-Press.

## Investigators Told To Be More Careful

New York, Mar. 21.

Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt today urged Congressional investigators to "examine the testimony of ex-Communists more carefully than they sometimes do."

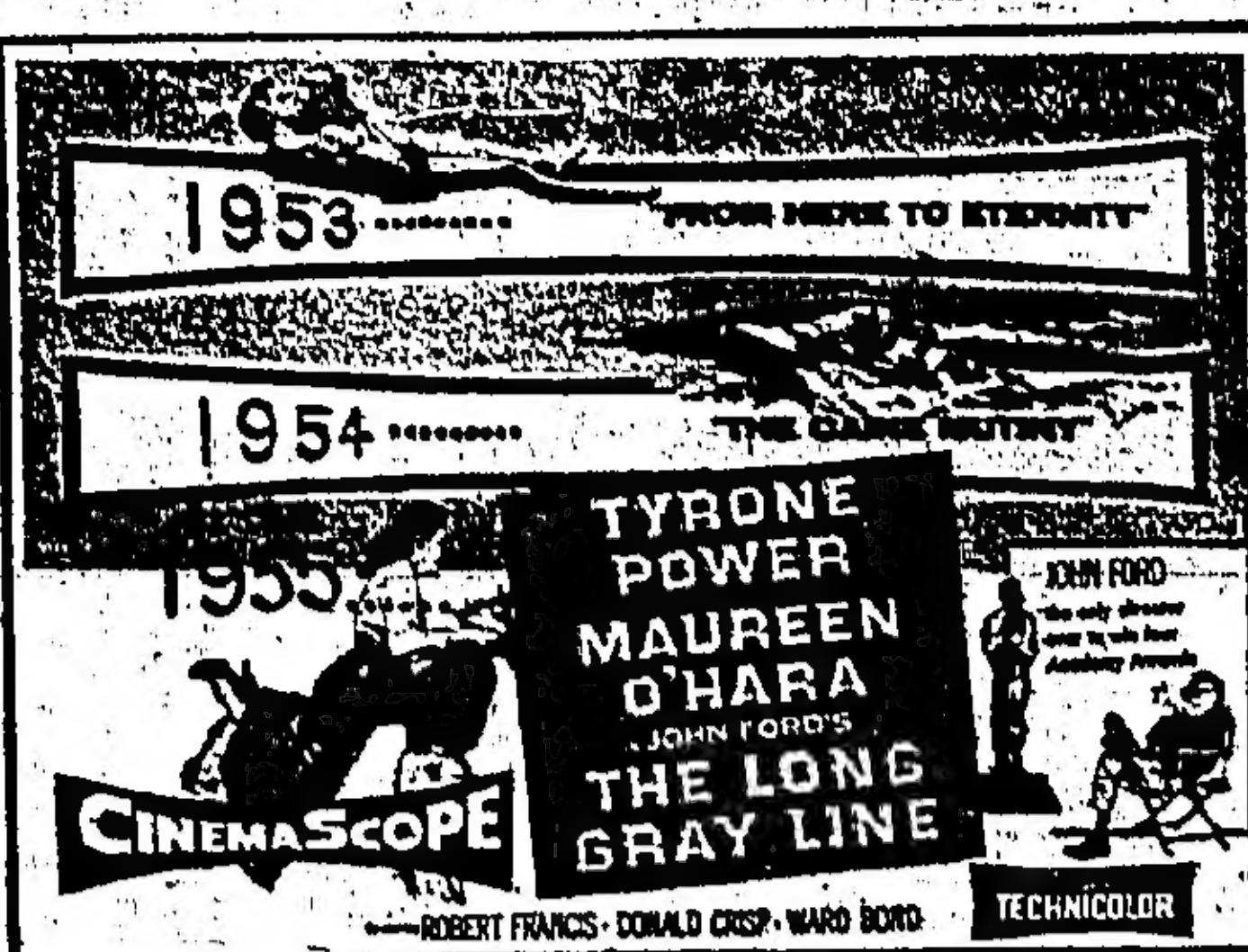
"Anyone who became a Communist in adult life and remained so over a long period of years has been thoroughly indoctrinated and therefore, even unconsciously, might well conform to the ideas and teachings of the Communists," Mrs Roosevelt said in McCall's magazine.

EXAGGERATION "Being strictly truthful is not one of the things the Communists teach their followers. Also, repentance sometimes brings a desire for self-justification, which could lead to unintentional exaggeration and inaccuracy. "All of these things are psychological and must, of course, be looked at carefully in every case. I think, therefore, that the

testimony of ex-Communists deserves more critical examination than one frequently sees in a Congressional investigation, where such testimony, often accepted as unquestionably true, is not always borne out by the facts. "Mrs Roosevelt also denied reports of a 'deal' to produce a movie on the life of the late President. She said she probably would never make public "all the details" if such a movie is made, since it doesn't think it is anybody's business except the members of the family and those who made the agreement with us. "I have only said I would be willing to consider a proposition should it be made," Mrs Roosevelt said. —United Press.

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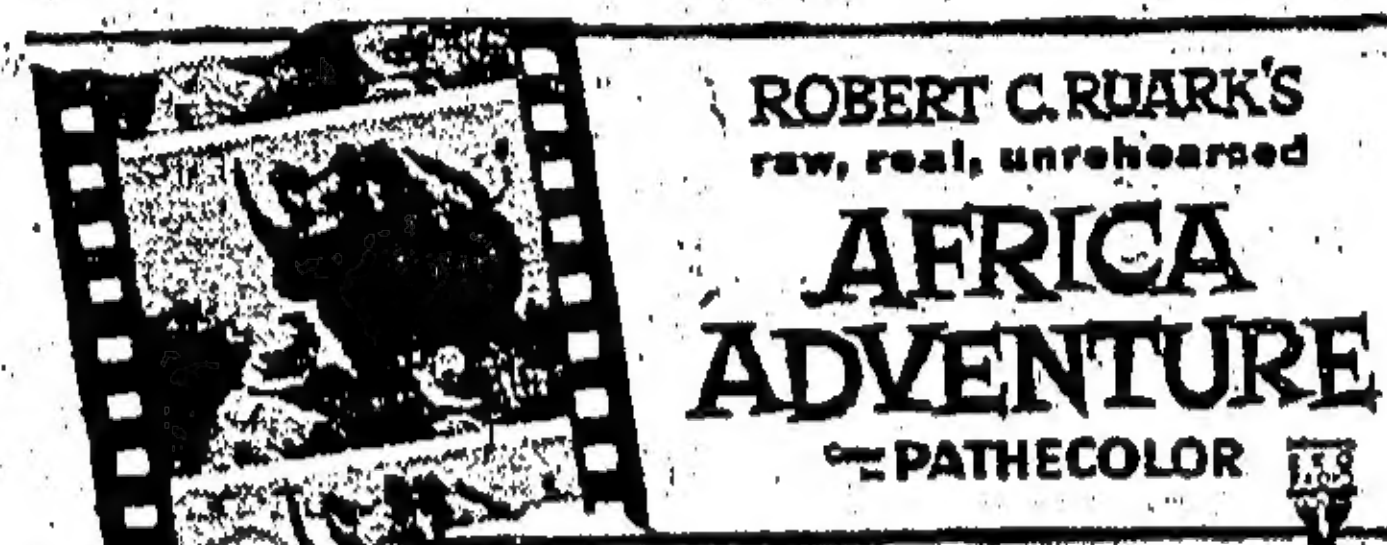


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### New Indian Methods To Break Goa

#### ALLEGATIONS MADE BY MINISTER

Lisbon, Mar. 21.

The Portuguese Minister of Overseas Provinces, Mr. Sarmanto Rodrigues, charged today that India was organising "new methods aimed at breaking resistance" in Goa, Portuguese India. He said that Portugal would not hesitate in defending its "legitimate rights."

Mr. Rodrigues said in an exclusive interview that although India had established a land blockade against Portugal's Indian enclaves, he did not think a sea blockade could be launched against Goa.

Last summer civilian "nationalist volunteers" from India captured the tiny Portuguese possessions of Dacar and Nagar. The Overseas Minister made clear, however, that "the Portuguese Government does not hesitate in defending its legitimate rights, the security of its territories and the tranquillity of its people."

Commenting on foreign Press reports of a possible Indian naval blockade, Mr. Rodrigues, a former naval commander, said: "A naval blockade can only be practically established by an act of war and supported by warships, because we have our own (Indian) ports and the sea is free."

"I doubt the world would consent, and for our part we would reject by maintaining the liberty of maritime communications with our territories. I do not think the Indian Union Government, conscious of the responsibilities, would take that course. A (sea) blockade is war."

"The blockade by land has been another proof of the Indian Union's aggressive tendencies," Mr. Rodrigues said.

GRAVE INCONVENIENCE  
"For a province like ours, accustomed to trading with its neighbours, the cutting of relations has come to cause us a grave inconvenience and has threatened the economic life of the population."

"The Indian Union Government, in its desire to take hostile measures against us, has practically prohibited transfer of money into Goa through the conditions imposed."

Gazing out at the Gous River, from where Portugal's explorers set out to discover half the world, the Overseas Minister catalogued his charges against the Union.

"It is said," he said, "to realise that the Indian Union has only drawn back in its attacks because of the threat to its reputation. Apart from that it has had recourse to: "Support and preparation of armed bands for attacks on our territories."

"Nearly total prohibition of transit of Portuguese nationals into the Indian Union. Suspension and violation of postal correspondence, under the pretext of Customs control. Difficulties over transference of funds to Goa."

"Imprisonment of sailors passing through Indian territorial waters. Detention of goods destined for Goa, which are unloaded in Bombay."

PROPAGANDA  
"Propaganda against us, full of inventions, falsehoods and lies in the Press and radio, and unfounded diplomatic protests."

The Portuguese, the Minister said, "have tried to be 'patient and correct.'—United Press.

## Expedition To Himalayas



The French climbing party who plan to reach the peak of Makalu in the Himalayas, the fifth highest mountain in the world, wave a cheerful goodbye as they prepare to enter the airship which took them from France to Nepal. In the foreground is Jean Franco, the leader of the expedition.—Express Photo.

## BUILDUP IN NORTH KOREA

### Repudiation Of Agreement Too Dangerous

By Francis Haydon

London, Mar. 21.

Britain is seriously concerned about the Communist military buildup in North Korea but does not think the United Nations answer should be to repudiate parts of the armistice agreement, diplomatic sources said here today.

The United States has asked Britain and the other Korean War allies to consider denouncing the Armistice clauses prohibiting increases in war potential. Washington favours such a repudiation because of reported Communist violations of the truce.

Britain holds that a repudiation of the Korean armistice terms would possibly destroy any chances of a settlement over Formosa, considered here to be the most dangerous spot in the Far East. It would also raise a grave matter of principle and create a precedent for the denunciation of other agreements they said.

#### IN TOUCH

The Foreign Office declined to comment on Washington reports of the American proposal but said that British and United States diplomats were in touch with the problem of the reported breaches of the armistice by the Communists.

Britain would like the United Nations command in Korea to prepare a detailed dossier of the Communist military buildup in defiance of the armistice agreement. This would include items such as the increase in the numbers of men under arms, the supply of military equipment, including jet fighters, and the construction of new airfields.

Without such a dossier, Britain would be reluctant to counter-attack the source said.

At present the United Nations land forces in South Korea are down to two American divisions and a British Commonwealth brigade.

The question of how to answer the Communist buildup is regarded here as entirely separate from that of reducing the scope of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission.

This proposal, made by Switzerland and Sweden because of Communist obstruction was preventing the Commission from working effectively, is backed by the United Nations.

One of the two Communist members of the Commission, Poland, has been turned down the proposal.

But Poland agreed exactly reflecting the reaction of Communist China and Czechoslovakia to an alternative Swiss proposal that reduction in the Commission's staff could be considered, providing its effectiveness were not impaired.

The Polish reply was contained in an aide memoir sent to the Swiss Federal Political Department.—Reuter.

## Jap Envoys Involved In Yugoslav Incident

Belgrade, Mar. 21.

The Yugoslav authorities have asked Mr. Shigeki Yamashita, First Secretary at the Japanese Legation here, to vacate at once the flat he occupies in central Belgrade with his wife and two-year-old child, a legation official said today.

The official added that the Japanese Minister to Yugoslavia, Mr. Sadao Shiro, refused admission today to Municipal Housing Authority inspectors who wanted to visit the suburban villa where he is living, to assess the rent.

Mr. Yamashita moved into his flat, previously occupied by the Second Secretary, last month. The Housing Authorities gave him 48 hours to move out, the legation official said, on the ground that he had not obtained their permission to rent the flat.

The Japanese Legation approached the Foreign Ministry, which gave Mr. Yamashita three days—until yesterday—to move out.

UNCONNECTED  
Mr. Shiro's refusal to admit housing inspectors was understood to be unconnected with Mr. Yamashita.

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## Roundabout Madrid With John Culmer

## You Mustn't Hurry In A Spanish Shop

TO go shopping in Spain is to appreciate service with a smile. The Spaniard behind the counter realises that he is there to serve you and does it willingly because, giving you the benefit of the doubt, he thinks of you not merely as a customer but as a "caballero" or gentleman, and because he is a "caballero" too. He accepts you as a gentleman and expects you to treat him as one.

In Spain any honest occupation is respectable, however humble it may be. Spaniards respect every kind of customer whether he is a cafe or restaurant waiter, a bootblack, a postman, or a porter.

Not that you can expect to be served quickly in a Spanish shop. No one is in a hurry and you mustn't be in one. It is I think the average Spaniard's love of dignified ceremonial that makes him turn the simplest operation into an "occasion," beset about with a great deal of quite incidental, and sometimes quite irrelevant, conversation.

## •• Good Excuse

THE buying of a bottle of wine is sufficient excuse to start a friendly debate on the superior virtues of wine as compared to spirits and beer. If you are a foreigner, and if you know enough Spanish shopping for a typewriter ribbon may quite easily develop into a lengthy discussion of the relative merits of the imported and the domestic article.

When the other day I asked (for the sake of this article) a charming Madrid girl whether she considered her country people polite, she shook me by insisting that the average Spaniard's manners were "dreadful." When I countered by recalling the way in which every well-brought-up Spaniard kisses a woman's hand when he introduces to her my companion, she said: "You English! You poor English! That doesn't mean anything. It is merely a convention. A pretty convention, perhaps, but quite meaningless. Besides, it is only married women who get their hand kissed!"

Delores set me thinking, and investigating, and before I'd got very far I couldn't help agreeing with her.

I recalled how I'd noticed that, in a bus or a tram, in the metro or in a queue, the average Spaniard gives the impression that he is quite unconscious of the existence of anyone but himself.

## •• Their Appeal

JUDGING by the number of attractive young señoritas here in Madrid who are about to marry Englishmen, there must be something about a British husband which makes a special appeal to the Spanish temperament. Most Spanish girls have a "novio" which could be translated "sweetheart," but a "novio formal" means a fiancé already safely hooked, although the actual marriage (largely for economic reasons) may be delayed for as much as six years. Perhaps it's because few 20th century Englishmen would dream of being engaged for six years that Spanish girls like the idea of a British husband!

At the present moment half-a-dozen marriages between Englishmen and Spanish girls are pending, although, because the Catholic Church forbids marriages in Lent, they will not take place until after Easter Sunday, which this year is on April 10.

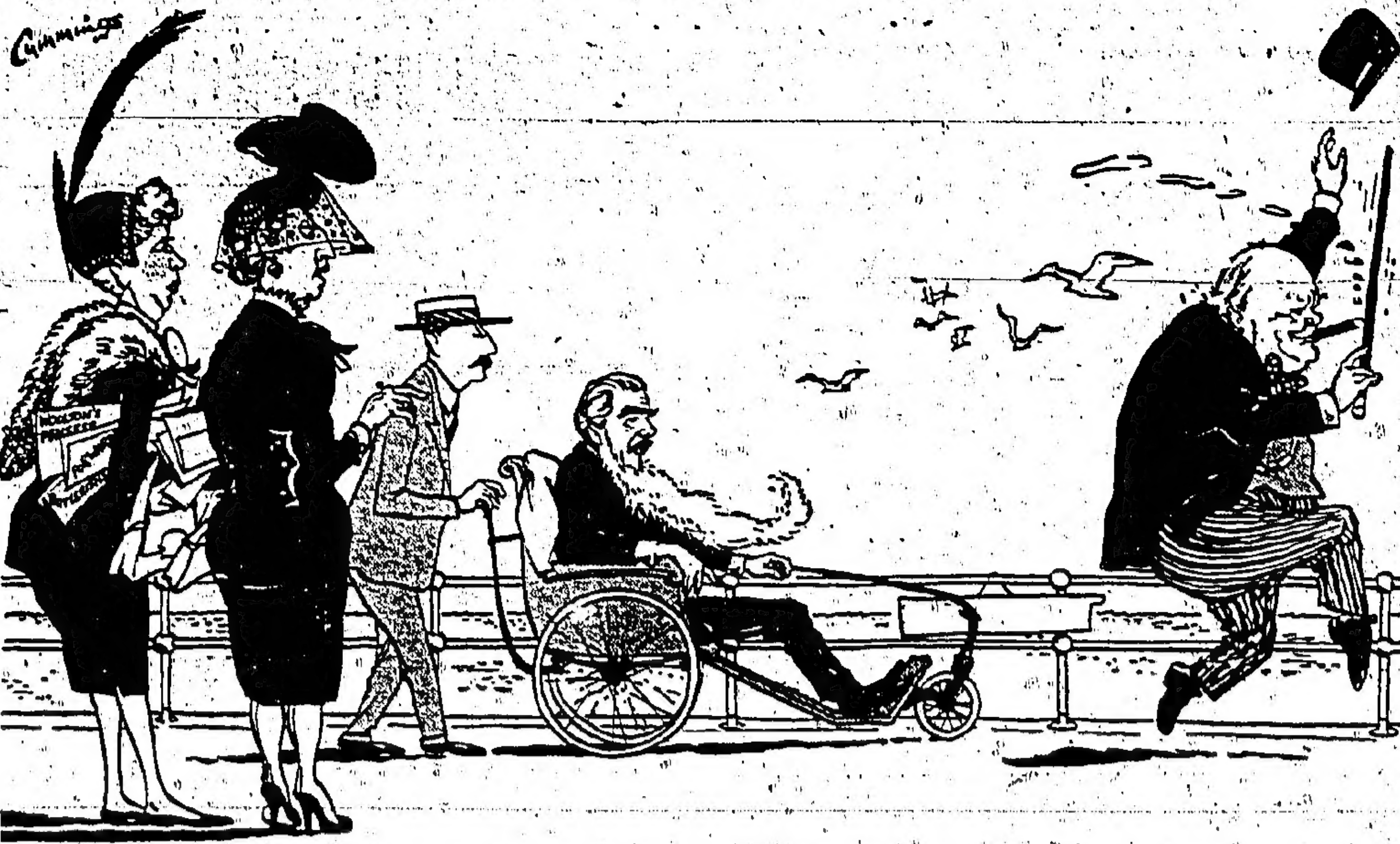
## •• Always Full

I LUNCHEONED the other day in one of Europe's newest, most luxurious, and most expensive hotels. The Castellana Hilton, built on a fashionable corner of Madrid's broad, beautiful, ultra-fashionable Paseo de la Castellana, is a stone's throw from the American Embassy. Which makes it not surprising that the hotel was built by an American—rich, ambitious, restless hotel magnate Conrad Hilton—and caters mainly for American visitors. And the hotel is always full. Its best customers are American film stars, directors, and producers in Madrid to shoot a film called "The Boy and the Bull" based on a supposedly real incident in a Spanish bullring.

There's no shortage of film "atmosphere" at the Castellana Hilton. In fact, there's no shortage of anything. The interior decoration is like a dual wedding cake, and the entrance is a

15-yard wall of plate glass, half of it doors that swing. The foyer, a circular room opening to an inner courtyard paved with meticulously tended grass and bathed in indirect lighting, sports a vast, splashing fountain. The ground floor is virtually a self-contained city, with bookshops, shops for fancy goods, hairdressers, travel agencies, a bank, a florist's, a milliner's.

Prices, of course, are geared to the tastes of the wealthy, free-spending class of Americans without whom the hotel couldn't exist. A drink in the bar can cost you as much as 15 shillings, which is after all, night-club standard, and I heard the other day of an American woman who was charged five shillings for a cup of coffee. The normal price in a Madrid cafe is between sixpence and a shilling!



"Why, I remember Tony as an up-and-coming Deputy Prime Minister when I was a Young Conservative."

(London Express Service)

## THIS OSCAR FARCE

The story... behind the star award

A TOP Hollywood producer, Sam Spiegel, talked in London the other night about the Hollywood Oscar Business.

"The campaign to capture votes for the film Academy Awards is at its hottest this week. Today the votes are collected and counted, and then on March 30 the results are out.

Sam Spiegel—he produced "African Queen"—has 12 Oscar nominations for his latest film "On the Waterfront," which stars Marlon Brando. Twelve nominations are more than for any other film in the running this year.

Spiegel has been asked to fly back to Hollywood to help the campaign for votes on those nominations. He has refused.

He says: "I'm working on a new picture in London. I believe 'Waterfront' should speak for itself on its own merits. I'm seeing the Oscar campaign from a distance for the first time, and I don't like much of what I see."

"I won't take part in this lobbying or help to organise pressure groups which have become part of the Oscar business. And neither the star nor the director of the film is in Hollywood for the campaign."

## The groups

SO how is this Oscar business run? First, all the people connected with the making of pictures in Hollywood—from the stars to the carpenters—vote for their choice in the various groups are—the Best Picture; the Best Actor; the Best Actress; and right down the list to the Best One-Reel Short.

There are five nominations in each group. Then on March 1 the "election campaign" really gets going. There are parties and publicity campaigns to help "persuade" the 1,700 members of the Film Academy how they should cast their vote for the winner in every group.

## The race

SPIEGEL, a round teddy-bear of a man, talked fast about that election campaign. "It detracts from the dignity of the Academy," he says. "The voting is secret and cannot be rigged. No one knows the results before March 30—but you can often tell the way things are going by the campaign."

See how it works in the Best Actor class. This year

the same company and that Jones") Dandridge; Audrey Hepburn; Grace Kelly (suspended by her studio); and Jane Wyman.

"Another reason: Brando is a boy who shoots his mouth off about Hollywood. He is a non-conformist in the Hollywood game. My experience is that non-conformists like that do not win Oscars."

"Same with James Mason. He is another non-conformist. So I think he's cut too—despite his fine acting. That leaves Crosby and Dan O'Herlihy. Robinson Crusoe with O'Herlihy is an independent picture, so it can't muster the support that a big studio can command. Studio loyalty plays a big part in voting."

Says Spiegel: "First of all a Hollywood trade paper attacked Brando because he is out of Hollywood and he said he didn't think he'd be back in time for the big ceremony on March 30. The paper suggested that stars who did not take part in Hollywood festivities should not count for Oscars."

"I phoned from London to Marlon in America and urged him to go on the big night. That's the sort of thing you have to do—although I think Oscars should be given for performance NOT party-going. Or party-giving."

Does Brando stand much chance? "I doubt it," says Spiegel, "although that has nothing to do with the excellence of his acting. You see, both Brando's film and Bogart's were released by

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Miss Kelly and Miss Hepburn are in films from the same studio—so the vote is split. Dorothy Dandridge and Jane Wyman are running level. But Judy Garland is way ahead of them—sentiment again. Hollywood always falls for the successful come-back story.

There are other things which nudge at Academy members' minds when they are deciding how to vote. "Was the film made in Hollywood?" is a question often asked. Says Spiegel: "Pictures made away from Hollywood often have a strike against them." That might explain why so few British films get a look in.

When the results come out at the big party in Hollywood on March 30, then comes the big pay off. For Oscars mean money.

## The cash

ABOUT the money Spiegel said: "If my picture 'On the Waterfront' were to win the Best Picture award it would go out again to the cinemas and mean an extra 900,000 dollars on box-office take."

"When 'Bogart won his Oscar in 'African Queen' the film was released again and took another 500,000 dollars. And when 'From Here to Eternity' collected its award the cash result at the



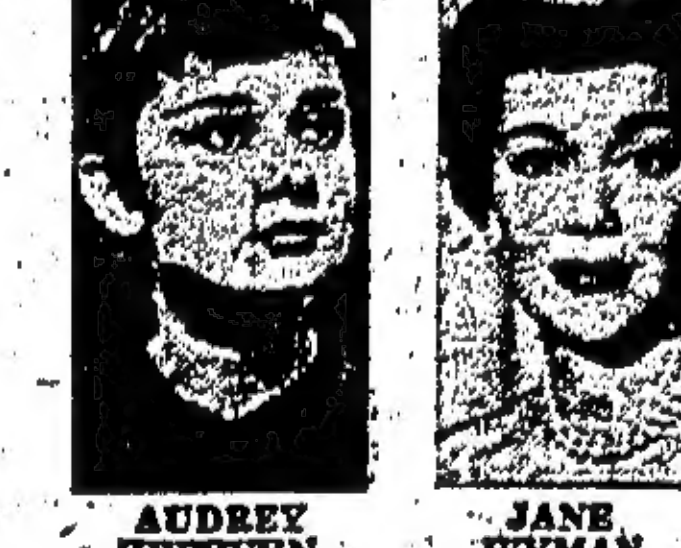
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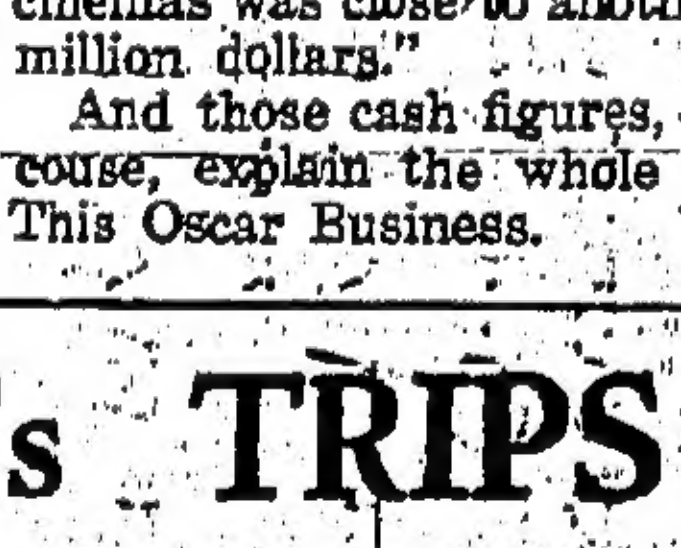
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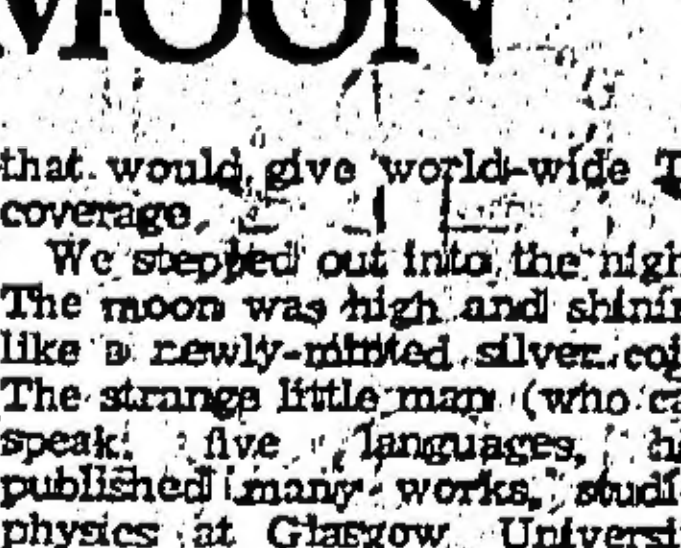
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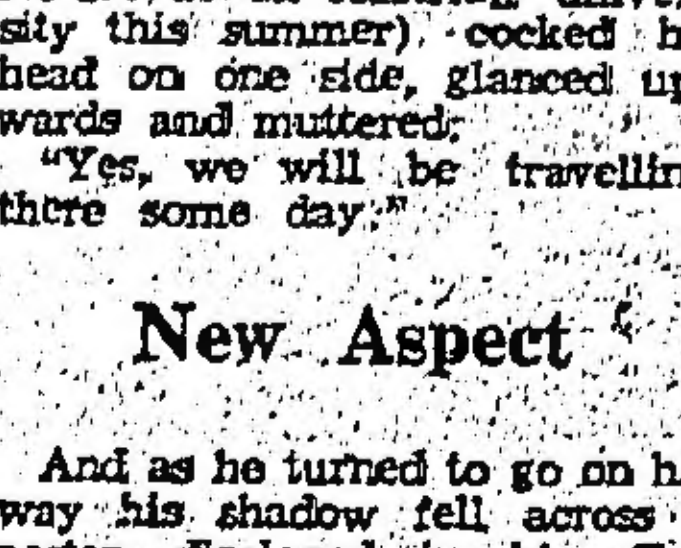
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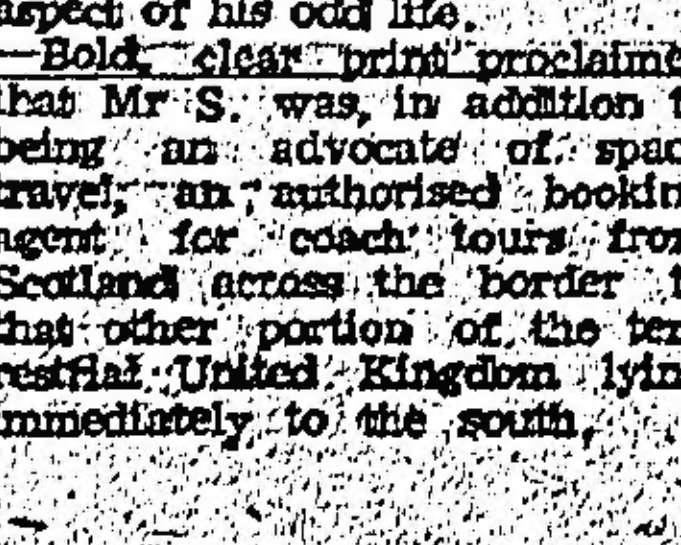
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MARLON BRANDO

## WHO is this man Bulganin?

A HANDSOME, well-groomed man with a glinty beard, his trim little wife by his side, called at London County Hall and asked to see Mr Herbert Morrison.

The visitors were announced as Mr and Mrs Nikolai Bulganin, the mayor and mayoress of Moscow.

That autumn day, in easy-going 1938, Britain had her first glimpse of the man who was destined to flit through the Russian limelight in the strange and very un-British role of a political general and become Soviet Prime Minister.

## PRIVATE EYES

FIRST, the debonair mayor of Moscow became one of Stalin's private eyes, and reported to his master on the minds and thoughts of the Red Army generals.

Stalin ruled the army through Bulganin. And when the old master died and a new master, Malenkov, took over in 1953, Nikolai moved up and became

No. 4 on the ladder of power. But let us look back to the start of this strange career which began in the dusty town of Gorky 80 years ago.

Nikolai followed his father to a clerk's stool in a merchant's office. But this was

dull work for a willing lad. The secret police? Now here was something, needing brains plus ruthlessness, and the young Bulganin had both.

He waded in against the enemies of Stalin and did it so wholeheartedly that his chief is said to have presented him with a pistol, suitably inscribed.

Nikolai had tasted power. Now for Moscow.

Stalin ordered the city to grow up quickly. First things needed were new electric power plants. Nikolai started work in the biggest, was made its

director, became boss of the Moscow rebuilding plan, and chairman of the State bank.

To get new ideas for his growing city he came to London—rode in the Underground, cruised down Piccadilly in a bus, discussed traffic control with Scotland Yard, saw the firemen, and called on Mr Morrison.

After 10 days, Nikolai said farewell to freedom and went on climbing to power—head of the metallurgical and chemical industries; president of the Russian Federated Republic, which is one of the many that make up the Soviet Union.

## UP THE LADDER

CAME the war. The red-haired boy rocketed up the Kremlin ladder. And then he was switched from civilian to military power. Stalin made him a member of the council which controlled operations on the Western front. Nikolai was among the generals now.

Stalin, in his study, knew all that went on in army headquarters. Bulganin saw to that. The private eye was made a lieutenant-general. After that promotion was swift army general, then member of the Supreme Defence Council, on which he displaced old soldier Marshal Voroshilov.

After the war he was dropped for a time as War Minister, but stayed as Deputy Premier—still in Stalin's confidence.

But, with Stalin aging and weakening, Bulganin lived cautiously. He tried no dramatic coups. Then, when Malenkov took over as Premier two years ago, Bulganin found favour with this new master and went back to the Ministry of Armed Forces. Now he is The Man at the Top.

John Atkinson

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## ALL ABOARD FOR Mr S's TRIPS BY ROCKET TO THE MOON

By BILL HYNDMAN

Glasgow. OSCAR Schwiglhofer is the name—a most remarkable one. But then Mr Schwiglhofer is a most remarkable fellow.

You would not be unduly impressed if you met him during the day, seated at his office desk and tackling nothing more creative or exciting than the production of bicycle lamps.

But at night a new personality emerges. Schwiglhofer, the linguist, the author, the student, the expert on space travel, and all it entails, including rocket propulsion, space ships, trips to the moon.

A 32-year-old Transylvanian, he is a perky, friendly little man with a gap-toothed smile and a neat moustache. He came to Scotland seven years ago after wartime experiences in Rumania and Hungary which he is reluctant to discuss. Now he is one of the leading members of

the Interplanetary Society in Scotland.

In the dimly-lit office he rents in Deedes Street, Airdrie, he spends most of his evenings surrounded with pamphlets, books and all kinds of literature on the latest developments in the fight to conquer space.

He lives in a world of "escape velocities," "cosmic radiation" and "hyper-sensitive satellites," and he will talk for hours on end upon these subjects to any group of fellow scientists or even a casual inquirer.

## Deadly Serious

He admits: "There are people who look on us as cranks, but it is a deadly serious science. You may think I am a fanatic when I say I am prepared to give my life for science. But even if there were only a 20 per cent chance of survival, I would gladly volunteer to go on the

first rocket to leave for the moon."

A close acquaintance of Professor Hermann Oberth, whose calculations first established the possibility of escaping the pull of the earth, he claims that the moon is now within striking distance.

Mr S. warned that in another 100 years the world's known sources of power—uranium, coal, oil—would be exhausted.

"We must conquer space if the world is to survive that crisis," he exclaimed. "And if we had the money we could build the machines that could take us to the moon. Only drawback so far," he added sadly, "is that we don't know how man will stand up to the cosmic rays we will encounter."

But then he brightened up as he spoke of the many other results of "journeying" into the unknown—of mirrors and reflectors suspended in space, of overhead floating television that other portion of the terrestrial stations that he said would be a reality in a few years and immediately to the south,

## New Aspect

And as he turned to go on his way his shadow fell across a poster displayed in his office window, revealing yet another aspect of his odd life.

Bold, "clear print proclaimed that Mr S. was in addition to being an advocate of space travel, an authorised booking agent for coach tours from Scotland across the border to restful, United Kingdom lying











## Triple Tie In Fanling Competition

A. D. Duffy/E. S. Russell, G. J. Mary/D. Galula and G. O. W. Stewart/L. Goldman tied for first place in a four-ball competition played over the Old Course at Fanling on Sunday with returns of four up. Messrs G. O. W. Stewart/L. Goldman being declared winners by virtue of their score of two up for the last six holes.

Cards showing three up against Bogey were returned by N. A. Brown/J. R. Leitch and W. N. Gray/R. G. L. Oliphant, two up being recorded by J. L. Macintyre/W. H. Paterson.

R. G. L. Oliphant won the week-end Stabford competition with a score of 35 points, D. R. Holmes being second with 34 and J. D. Clague was in third place with 31.

### DEEP WATER BAY

A mixed Foursome Flag competition will be played over 18 holes at Deep Water Bay on Saturday April 2, from 2 p.m. onwards and incoming players are asked to send their names and the names of their partners to the Club office (Telephone 32340 and 23448) as early as possible or enter them on lists posted at Club Houses.

Fellow competitors may be privately arranged and in this case it will be necessary for the names of all four players to be given. Strokes allowed will be shown on the Starting list and flags should be placed where ball lies after making the last stroke. There will be several hidden prizes and it will be necessary for all pairs to take out cards and record actual number of strokes taken at each hole—no matter how many. Men's tees are being used and alternate strokes played throughout.

Presentation of prizes will be during the Winter Season will take place after the close of the Flag competition.

### MIXED FOURSOMES

The final of the Fanling mixed Foursomes was played on Saturday between Mr. & Mrs. N. Gray and Dr. & Mrs. J. B. McKie and resulted in a win for Dr. & Mrs. McKie by 1 up. The winners reached the final by victories over Miss J. Brown and Dr. J. Gray in the first round; Mrs. J. R. Leitch and W. D. Leighton in the second; Mr. & Mrs. P. A. Laroche in the third; Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Heath in the fourth and Mrs. Turnbull and N. A. Brown in the semi-final. Mr. & Mrs. Gray beating Mr. & Mrs. R. Lindeman in the first round; Mr. & Mrs. W. P. Birtwhistle in the second; Mr. & Mrs. F. D. Hunter in the third; Mr. & Mrs. R. M. T. Orr in the fourth round and Mr. & Mrs. S. S. Gordon in the semi-final.

### CAPTAIN'S CUP

P. D. Sladden (69-88=net 71) has been declared the winner of the March Qualifier for the Captain's Cup. The attention of players in stroke competitions is drawn to the definition of a "marker" appearing in Rules of Golf. This definition reads—

"A 'marker' is a scorer in stroke play who is appointed by the Committee to record a competition score. He may be a fellow competitor."

### HANDICAP REVISIONS

Recent handicap revisions are as follows (figures in parentheses show previous handicaps):

F/O A. Brown 1 (2); D. L. Anderson 3 (3); D. S. Robb 6 (7); Capt. J. Thornton 6 (6); W. N. Gray 7 (8); A. R. de Pinna 8 (9); W. Van Alst 8 (10); Maj. Menck-Mason 8 (10); Capt. C. Y. Yates 10 (11); 2/Lt. A. H. Beckford 10 (12); W. C. Falconer 12 (13); K. U. Dzang 12 (13); A. B. Coleman 12 (13); Capt. Browne 13 (-); E. C. Drown 14 (15); A. E. Elliot 14 (15); Maj. Russell 15 (13); J. B. Wilson 16 (18); P. D. Sladden 17 (18); K. Shibeckus 17 (10); J. W. Nicholas 18 (19); Capt. A. E. Weatherall 18 (19); 2/Lt. Lyness 14 (-); Capt. Bailey 15 (-); Sq-Ldr. E. W. Brooks 20 (-); Air Cdr. R. C. Field 22 (-).

### SHEK-O GOLF LADIES' SECTION

The Par Bique Competition played at Shek-O last Thursday was won by Mrs M. Neale with the very good score of 12 up. The next competition at Shek-O will be held on Thursday, April 28, instead of April 21, as scheduled—and will be a bogey competition.

The ladies of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club have challenged the Shek-O ladies to a match to be played at Fanling on Friday, April 22. The match will be played on handicap. Will all those wishing to play please enter their names on the list which will be posted on the board at the Shek-O Country Club?

## TAKE YOUR CUE FROM HORACE LINDRUM



The Thin Contact.

## Gethin Puts Umberto Among The Winners

By THE SCOUT

Ken Gethin, who will celebrate his 39th birthday (for the fourth successive year!) shortly, has stamped his mark as a big-race jockey, with the right big-race temperament.

A first impression may leave you with an idea of a casual, almost cocky individual. Ken bounces as he walks. A wide, disarming grin, and a leaning for London social occasions, round off the picture.

That, however, is only the outer shell. Ken is first and always a workman.

He recalls with pride that he won races on two horses which he looked after during his formative period as an apprentice to Stanley Wootton.

Basically, he belongs to the high-strung, nervous, worrying type.

### INSTINCTIVE

This characteristic is revealed by the instinctive way in which he "feathers" the whip on his mounts—sometimes, even, when out clear in the lead.

Ken, a left-handed hitter, is a jockey who has been entrusted with some of recent racing's greatest gambles.

"I like to have the stick handy—just in case the horse needs a slap," he explained to me once. He added that the mere fact of rhythmic whipping helped to keep his mount racing evenly.

He is an engagingly stern critic of his own efforts in the saddle. He can, at times, insist—out loud—that he has misjudged a finishing run, although such an error may not have been generally apparent.

He maintains a rigid regime. A home-made "sweat-benz" is his last resort for reducing weight.

"I much prefer running and other forms of exercise," he says simply. "Turkish baths leave me feeling lumpy and heavy."

Golf is his favoured relaxation—"I play down to a fairly steady 9 handicap."

There are cups on the sideboard of his Epsom home too for boxing and snooker.

### SNUFF INSTEAD

During the last month he has cut out cigarette-smoking—he realised that he was up to 50 a day—and has substituted the occasional pinch of snuff.

Riding arrangements for 1955 are the same as in previous years—father-in-law Peter Thrale, Harold Wallington, Willy Stephenson, and whatever other good rides come my way.

He lists Zabara, Pettison, and King of the Tugars the three most brilliant horses which he has ridden to date.

Ken is a smart form student and first rate at describing any race in which he has taken part. At winner-naming...not so hot.

His "good thing" record in my book consists of two last, one unplaced and Chantry for the 1953 Cesarewitch (an hour after the race was over).

For the record he hopes, and expects, to win on these three horses this coming season: Umberto—"the appears to have wintered extra well"; Solon Morn, and Faygala.

Meanwhile, he is trying hard to reduce from 8st 7lb to the normal 8st 2lb of vice, whipcord, and tensed nervous energy called Gethin, K.

(London Express Service)

## A Sigh Of Regret At The Cup Draw

By ARCHIE QUICK

A sigh went round the oak-panelled Council Room of the Football Association in London's West End when the draw for the semi-finals of the Cup was made. It was not a sigh of relief, but regret; regret that Manchester City and Sunderland had been drawn together.

They clash at Villa Park, but this was the match we all had hoped would be reserved for Wembley for it had the possibilities of a classic Final. However, the ingredients of a brilliant semi-final are there, and I must give my vote to Manchester City for I feel that they have it in them to win the trophy. Anyhow, I think the winners of this tie will eventually take the Cup, although Huddersfield are the favourites of many people.

At the time of writing, Huddersfield and Newcastle United had not settled their Sixth Round dispute, but surely whoever gets through should be able to account for gallant little York City. A year ago we were talking of Port Vale of chance to get to Wembley.

Of course, they never reached the famous stadium, and despite York's great record of beating Blackpool, Spurs and Notts County—two of them away from home they can hardly be expected to go further.

### LAST FENCE

Writing blindly because of the replay to come I would say it looks like Manchester City versus Huddersfield for the last fence. But there still remains the possibility of a North-East Final—Tyneside Newcastle and Wearside Sunderland.

What I would have loved to see at Wembley though was the brains of the inimitable Len Shackleton pitted against the "Revie Plan" of a deep-lying roving centre forward. This plan, based on Don Revie's super-physical fitness to turn up in any spot on the field has stood City in good stead, has made them probable Cup-winners and should have clinched Revie, Hull and Leicester—for an international "cap" against Scotland and an overseas tour. How his two former struggling clubs could do with him now!

Manchester manager Les McDowell was telling me at the Birmingham tie that Revie goes back to the Waine Road ground most afternoons for additional training and tactical talks.

There was a coincidence about the City-Birmingham tie. When the clubs last met in the Cup in 1946-47 season and Birmingham

## Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

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My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

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## Thin Contact Cutting

To play a ball with a "thin contact" is a stroke which I have seen many good players deliberately avoid—even though it meant forgoing a good follow-up position. I have often wondered about this, because the shot is not nearly as difficult as it appears to be.

Needless to say, it requires study and practice, but once you understand the stroke and can judge at a glance how fine the contact should be and the pace at which it should be played, you will be able to apply it to your game with confidence and appreciate its value.

I think the main reason why the shot so often fails for the average player is because the contact made is not thin enough. So, to begin with, place an object—ball and the white in a position calling for a really thin contact. For instance, put the object—ball over the middle left-hand pocket and the cue-ball roughly 12 inches from the bottom cushion and 24 inches from the left-hand side cushion.

Now play the cut to bring the cue-ball into position—position itself near the blue spot; then play the position again with a fraction more strength to bring the cue-ball further down the table in the vicinity of the "D".

As you practise, you will see that the thinner the contact on the object-ball the farther the cue-ball will run afterwards. So if you are playing a thin cut at the top of the table for position around the black, a delicate shot will leave you well placed.

When the position demands a contact so fine that you might

miss, altogether, consider an alternative mode of play before attempting it. If there is no other course open to you, then play for safety unless you are sure the object-ball can enter a full open pocket.

Always remember you are playing for position. It is no use playing a thin cut or doing any of the advanced strokes, unless you fully understand them and can decide when they are practical propositions. To hit and hope for the best will mean that in nine cases out of ten you will leave your opponent nicely placed for victory.

In the photograph I am cutting a red ball into the top right-hand corner pocket. To make a success of this stroke, I take aim from the left edge of the white ball to the right edge of the red ball. Before actually playing I take a quick glance at the corner pocket as a way of checking that I am gauging the stroke correctly.

## Bouncer is a character

It is always a treat to be shown round the Arundel stable by the Duchess of Norfolk and Willie Smyth. One cannot help becoming imbued with their enthusiasm. The stable will have two runners at Lincoln. Smyth will not be there. He never spends a night away from the stables. He would not be happy. And he never takes a holiday.

by James Park.

The Duchess has a "favourite." He is a two-year-old called BOUNCER, a half-brother by fraternalization to that good horse Le Sage.

Bred by the Duke of Norfolk, the colt has character and is also something of a character. He is a medium-sized brown colt, compact, strongly put together, deep through the girth and with slightly lop ears.

He has a wonderful temperament and gives the impression that he would be quite happy to fall asleep. I shall be interested to see how he wakes up on the racecourse.

### BROWN COLT

There are two other first-season colts who strike me as being above the ordinary. One is the home-bred BUFFALO and the other COPPERSMITH, who belongs to Lady Irwin.

Bugalo is by Big Game out of Trouble. This brown colt, he is almost black—reminds me quite a lot in make and shape of his sire at the same age.

He is beautifully proportioned and still in the developing stage. What a grand-looking three-year-old he will make. He might find his form about Royal Ascot time.

Coppersmith is a colt who might be anything one day. He is a much bigger edition of his sire, Hyperion, and is a big slashing colt who will want a lot of time to furnish his own outstanding filles are SOIREE, HIGH DIVE and AMALTHEA.

A bonny filly of just the right size is High Dive and she looks something of a racing machine. I was impressed with the bonny daughter of Alycidon and Blue Angel. Amalthea is not so tall as her own sister, Ariadne, but the two-year-old will hold her own for looks in any company. To my eye there is not a better-looking filly in the yard.

Soiree is also home-bred and by Chanteur II out of Serocore, a half-sister to Festoon and Refreshed. A first foal and a very good one, Soiree, is a tall, well-made filly who looks like training on. She has the necessary scope and should be something more than a sprinter.

The other two-year-olds can be dealt with quickly. CAVALRY is a half-brother to Stokes, but is not a similar outsize type. He looks like coming early to hand.

MURAT is a tough-looking Beau Sabreur gelding who will be showing his teeth before long. MR PEEPER is a sharp gelding related to Hard Sauce. PERSIAN FAIR is a backward Tehran filly who may bloom in the autumn if not before. FIERY SKY will run for the Brocksby Stakes at Lincoln and there is nothing to be said with her condition.

There should be opportunities in the various sprints for most of the three-year-olds. Practically all the older horses have been weeded out though

CARINO, now sound again, remains.

Among the colts WORDS-WORTH and SQUARE DANCE stand for the best class.

Square Dance is the light fished type who looks as if he will not come to himself until he gets some sun on his back. He is another Big Game colt out of a sturdy bred staying mare. This should be the testing year for Big Game stock bred on those lines. I think Square Dance will stay.

As a half-brother to Bitter Sweet it is thought BLUE LEGEND will stay. SIR FRANK is now a gelding, but looks as well as ever. He has only to pay attention to business and is now quiet and amenable.

### SPRINTER

Another gelding, COMFULSION, is the sprinting type. VAT 69, a huge gelding, whose hind legs will not please the critical, is remarkably active for his size. I have no doubt he will be placed to win.

The Airborne filly HOVERPLANE, will run in a maiden race at Lincoln to see whether there is any hope of her winning a race. She ought to stay a mile and a half.

The Arundel stable is always competently managed, and the Duchess of Norfolk will have ample opportunity to display her skill in the placing of the horses. I am sure she will do as well as in the past.

(London Express Service)

### HKCC TENNIS RESULTS

The results of the HKCC Tennis Tournaments played off at Chater Road yesterday were as follows:

Singles: Mackie, beat Williams 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles: Thomson and Cooke beat Rawlings and Smart 6-2, 6-7.

Agafuroff and Pakenham-Walsh beat McPherson and Bluck 6-0, 6-3.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Smith/Mrs Edwards v Smart/Mrs Scholes.

Mackie/Miss Philip v Rawlings/Mrs Kite.

Weidon v Thomson.

### Hutton Doubtful For Second Test

Wellington, Mar. 21. Len Hutton, England's captain, must be regarded as doubtful for the second Test against New Zealand beginning at Auckland on Friday.

He is suffering with a head cold, looked ill while watching the MCC against Wellington here today, and retired early to bed. China Mail Special.

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**NATIONWIDE SEARCH**  
**Russians Will Leave No Stone Unturned On The Olympic Road**  
By SIDNEY WEILAND

Moscow, Mar. 20. A giant "Spartakiad"—national sports meeting—in Moscow in the summer of 1956, with the cream of Russia's athletes competing, will climax the Soviets' intensive search for a team to carry the Red banner to the Melbourne Olympic Games in November that year.

The Spartakiad, planned to be held in a new stadium on the outskirts of the Russian capital, will give the Soviet sports leaders a final opportunity to choose the best from those who have come up through elimination contests held throughout the length and breadth of the vast country.

The Soviet Government Sports Committee, which runs all the forms of sport and physical culture, has decided to wait until August, 1956, when the results of the Spartakiad will be known, before finally deciding on the composition of the team to go to Melbourne.

"We are giving great attention to youth," Mikhail Pesiak, Deputy Chairman of the Government Sports Committee and Vice-President of the Soviet Olympics Committee, said. "It is a mistake to concentrate on only one group. It is essential to look around."

"FAN-SOVIET" He likened the 1956 Soviet Spartakiad to the Pan American or British Empire and Commonwealth Games, except that it concerned only one country. "The Soviet programme of preparation of the Olympics is based on lowering the age of possible competitors and on raising training standards. The 1956 summer sports season, which would normally end in October, might be extended to November or December."



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# Moscow Comedy Lagged Behind Party Line

Moscow, Mar. 21. The Moscow Operetta Theatre has been bitterly attacked for a musical comedy entitled "The Violet of Montmartre," which raised lots of laugh but lagged far behind the Communist party line.

In spite of its condemnation, by Soviet Music, the official organ of the Union of Soviet composers, The Violet of Montmartre was an outstanding success. The producer and stars were showered with bouquets on the first night, and the number of curtain calls was a record for this type of performance. The audience loved it.

In the Soviet Union, however, it is not enough to make people laugh. There must be an ideological moral as well.

## SOCIAL CONFLICTS

Soviet Music said that the Operetta Theatre had failed "to display and to sharpen the social conflicts" of The Violet of Montmartre, a rollicking slapstick farce.

The Violet of Montmartre is a traditional musical comedy with music by the Hungarian composer, Imre Kalman, about the life of some impoverished Bohemian artists living in the Paris quarter of Montmartre. The comedy offended against Communist ideology because the artists were poor yet happy.

According to Soviet Music, the directors of the Moscow Theatre failed to emphasise the social inequality of the artists. Moreover, it said, changes in the libretto by the Moscow Theatre did not alter the fact that the jokes in the comedy were aimed only "at the unforgiving taste of the fun-loving bourgeoisie."

The like of these Bohemians in Paris was "depicted falsely and sentimentally." All elements of "social conflict"

were removed from the comedy, which "tried to show that the life of artists in the capitalist world is not so difficult."

The producer depicted "the old sweet Paris" where talented artists, poor but happy, live merrily and carefree. There are no difficulties or hardships.

The authors of the revised Moscow libretto and the producer, G. Yaron, "did not display real boldness in order to deepen the social conflict which is in the plot."

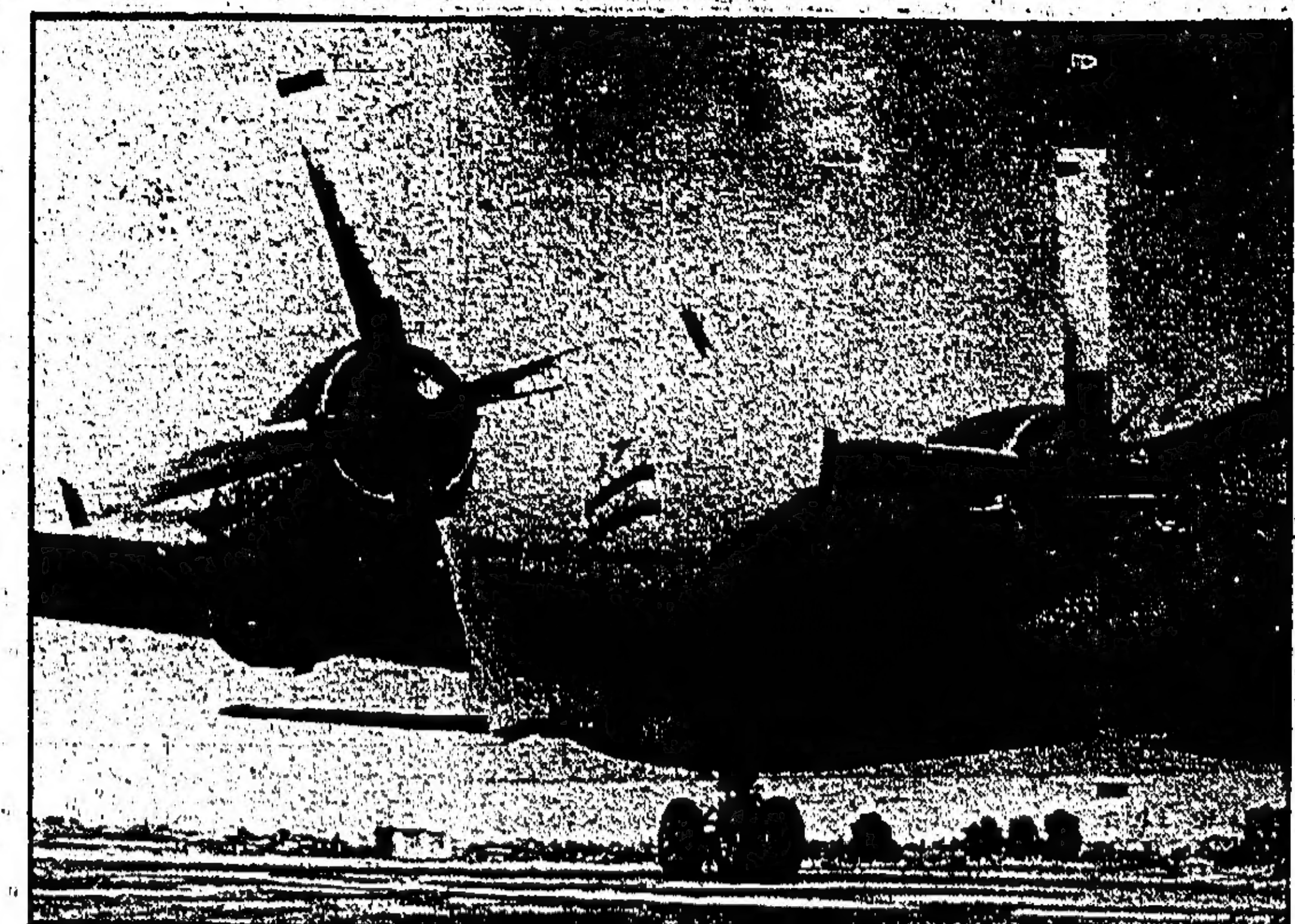
The comedy scenes, Soviet Music concluded, "recalled the vulgar repertoire of circus clowning."

## PARIS PRAISE

The Soviet Music critic, Yuri Miliyutin, a well-known Soviet musical comedy composer, described the production of The Violet of Montmartre as raising the question whether the Moscow Theatre was to switch to "outward entertainment and the thoughtful Paris life."

The Theatre, he added, should be "warned in a friendly manner" against going to such an extreme, because provincial producers were beginning to copy the Moscow lead of "casing-up" on ideology—China Mail Special.

# Clean Installation Of 705 Engines



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## Coalition Threatened

Rome, Mar. 21. Italy's small but crucial Republican Party threatened the safety of Premier Mario Scelba's coalition today on the eve of Signor Scelba's State visit to the United States.

The Republicans, who have thrown their five votes in Parliament to Premier Scelba's support so far, in effect voted "no confidence" in his coalition last night at a meeting of the Party's National Council.

The Republicans were members of the late Premier Alcide de Gasperi's coalition but have nobody in the present Cabinet, which includes Christian Democrats, Social Democrats and Liberals. But their five votes carry near-decisive weight. —United Press.

# BRITANNIA'S FAST TIME TO THE CAPE

## RAF Accident Rate Less Than Quarter Of 1921

One of the fastest times ever recorded between England and Johannesburg by a civil airliner was achieved by a production Bristol Britannia turbo-prop plane on March 13.

The journey of over 6,000 miles, was flown with only one stop at Khartoum for refueling. The actual flying time was 17 hours 24 minutes, and the total time taken allowing for the stop, was 18 hours 52 minutes.

The Britannia took off at its maximum all-up weight of 150,000 lb., piloted by Wing Commander W. Gibb, assistant chief test pilot at the Bristol Aeroplane Company. The passengers and crew totalled 42 including representatives of the British Overseas Airways Corporation and the Air Registration Board.

## TROPICAL TRIALS

The purpose of the voyage is to complete the Britannia's tropical trials, which are expected to take five weeks. When the prototype aircraft flew to Libya last year for preliminary hot weather tests, it averaged a true air speed of 372 mph. Tests were then carried out at temperatures in the nineties, about double those prevailing during tests in the U.K.

The speedy flight to Johannesburg gives an indication of the performance that Britannias will make possible on long-range scheduled services. It demonstrates the ability of the turboprop to carry a large payload over very long ranges, at high cruising speeds. The average speed on the Johannesburg flight was 350 mph.

Mr Ward also told the House that the fatal accident rate for jets is less than one-sixth of the rate when they first came into service, and less than half what it was only two years ago. These results stem from a careful training programme and great improvements in the reliability of aircraft and engines during the past three decades.

A two-seater trainer version of the Hawker Hunter transonic fighter is being developed which, may eventually come into service with Flying Training Command. The Hunting Percival Jet Proctor basic trainer is at present being exhaustively tested, and before long an experimental all-jet pilot training scheme will begin using this promising aircraft. Pilots will then complete their training without ever having flown behind a propeller.

## M. E. E. REFINEMENTS

Recently two English Electric Canberra bomber squadrons reinforced Cyprus from Britain in six hours flying time. Last month a Canberra flew from Limnassol to Nicosia in Cyprus, a journey of 2,000 miles, in 100 hours, thirteen minutes.

Canberras are already making hundreds of flights annually to overseas bases in all parts of the world, lending powerful support to British air power wherever they are needed.

Last year Great Britain shipped overseas a record number of aero-engines of all types, worth more than £20,800,000. This impressive total included jet-engines, turboprops, and radial engines.

It signifies a minor but significant problem affecting radial engines—how to get the engine out of the packing case in which it was shipped.

Radial aircraft engines are usually packed with the propeller shaft in the vertical position. When the engine has to be fitted to the plane on arrival at its destination, it must be lifted and turned through ninety degrees. This usually involves the use of two slings and lifting tackle, and the loss of a good deal of time.

Now a new piece of equipment has been designed in Canada which makes engine handling—relatively—look like simplicity itself.

## SCOOBA TACKLE

Called the Scooba engine lifting sling, it makes it possible for one man using a lifting tackle to hoist an engine and turn it into horizontal position in the space of a few minutes. The sling not only simplifies a tricky operation but also effects a considerable saving in handling time.

London, Mar. 21. The Chief Justice Lord Goddard today ordered the extradition of a Ceylon businessman to Belgium to face criminal charges involving £220,000.

Emily Samudranayagam was accused of abducting the sum of an Antwerp bank in March, 1954, with forged documents against a shipment of rice. She had negotiated with the Portuguese Government for its colony in India, Goa. The rice was not shipped and the defendant was accused of using forged documents. —United Press.

## Strasser Not Forming Party

Munich, Mar. 21. Otto Strasser, former left-wing Nazi leader, tonight denied that he intended to form a political party but declared he was bringing out a newspaper in the autumn.

Herr Strasser arrived in Germany from Ireland last Friday after an absence of more than 14 years, spent mostly in exile in Canada.

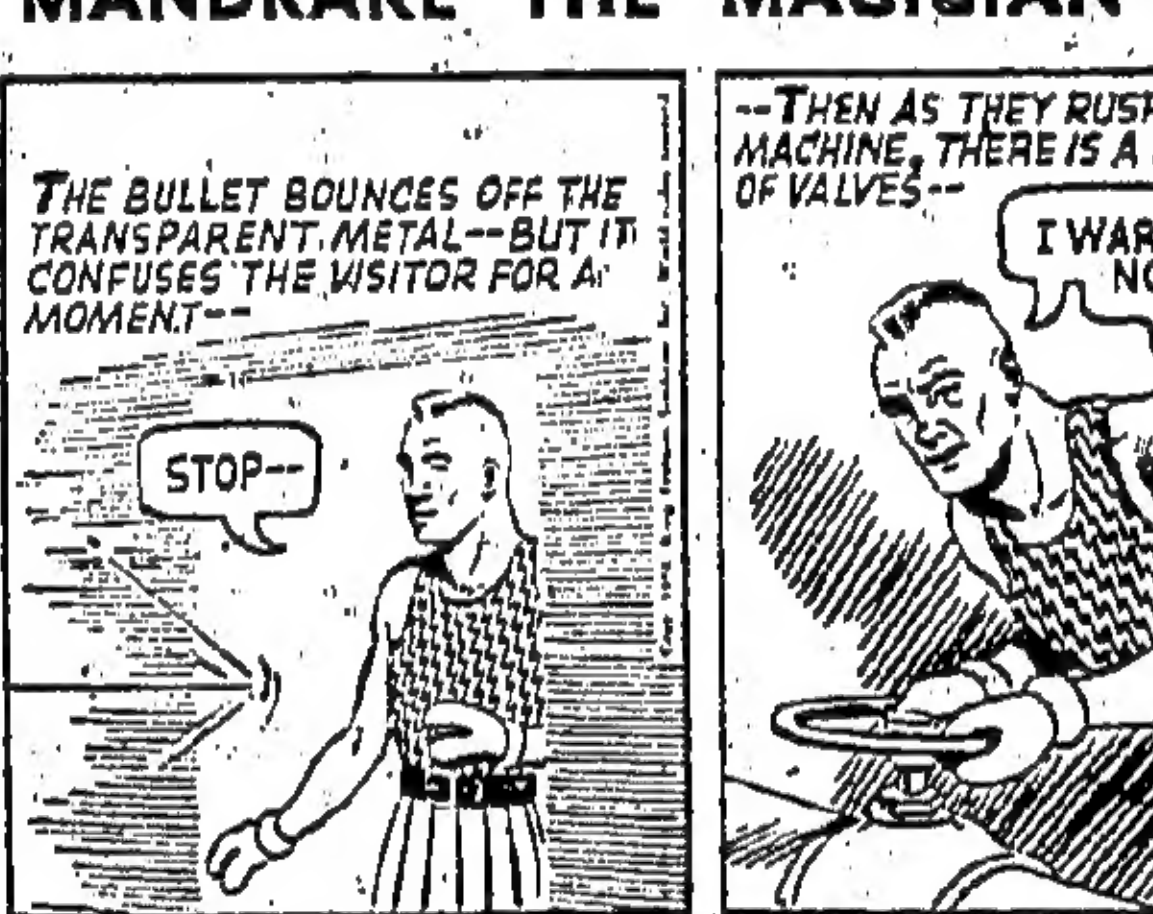
The former Nazi who later broke with Hitler refused to go into detail on his political views, but said that any rebirth of Germany must be accomplished by an attempt to reconcile individual liberty and economic security. —France-Press.

## Putting Noise Into Strike

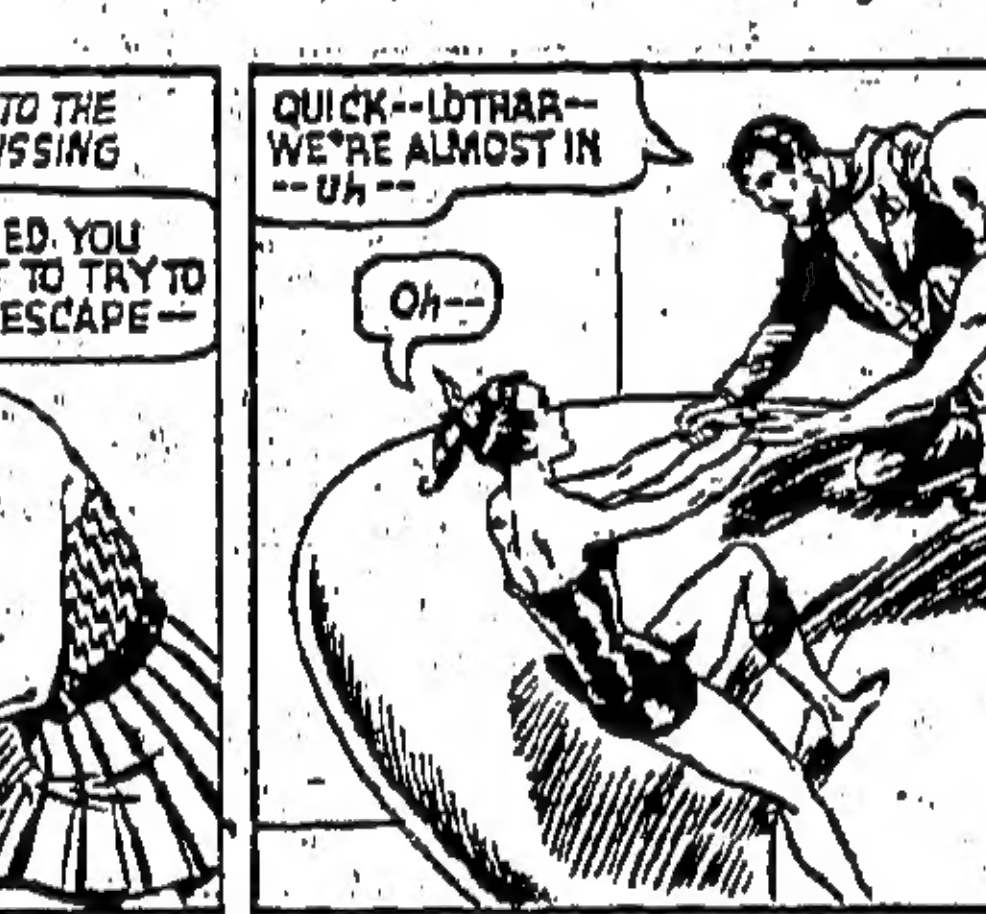
Colombo, Mar. 21. A police search was started on the outskirts of Colombo today for a gang believed to be making bombs and hand grenades for terrorism in connection with a local bus strike. Twenty-three home-made fuse-bombs were seized in Ottawa, 10 miles east of Colombo.

One former serviceman was arrested on suspicion of participation in a series of recent bomb attacks on buses. The transport strike is in its eleventh day with no prospects in sight for settlement. —United Press.

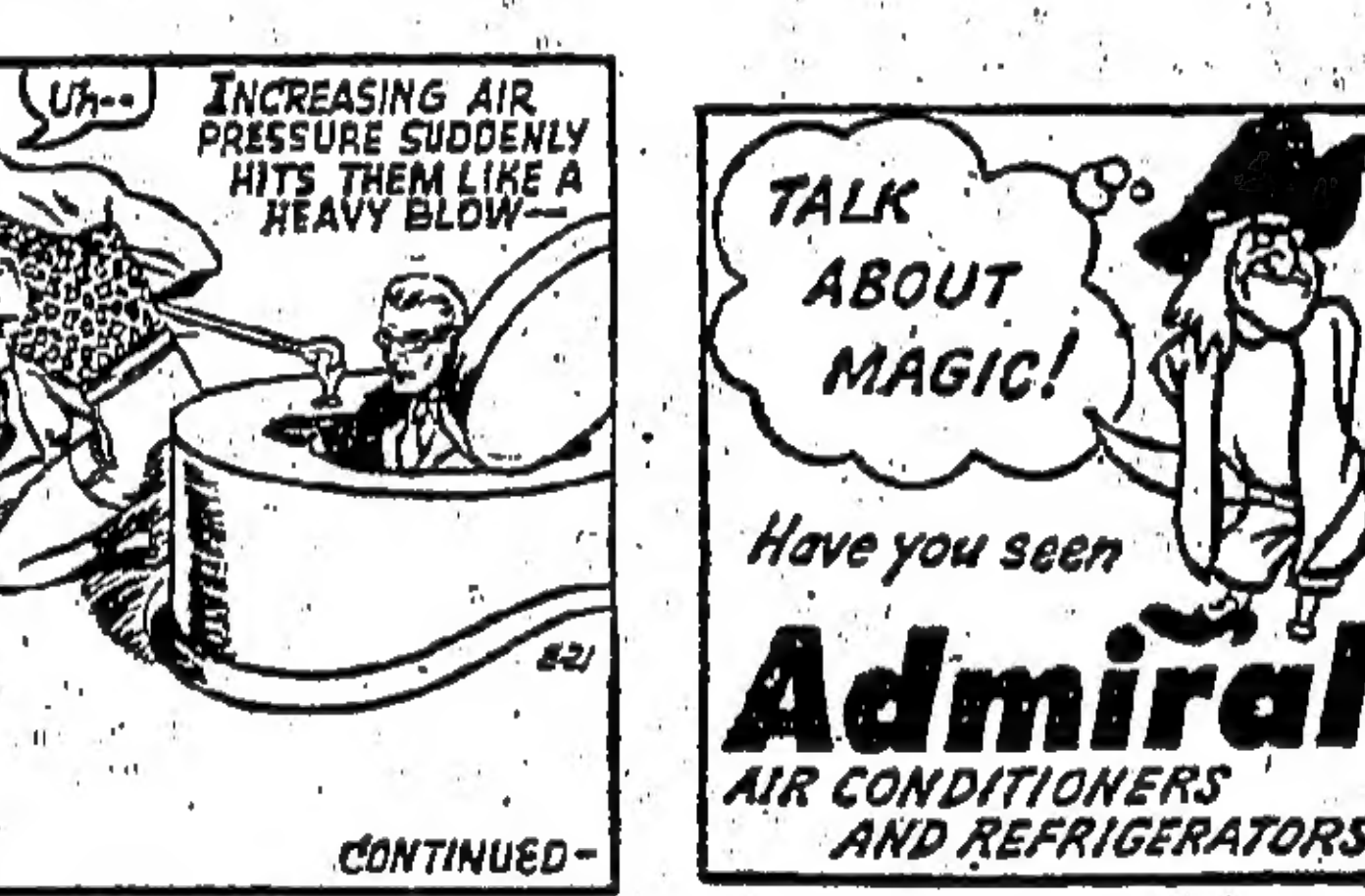
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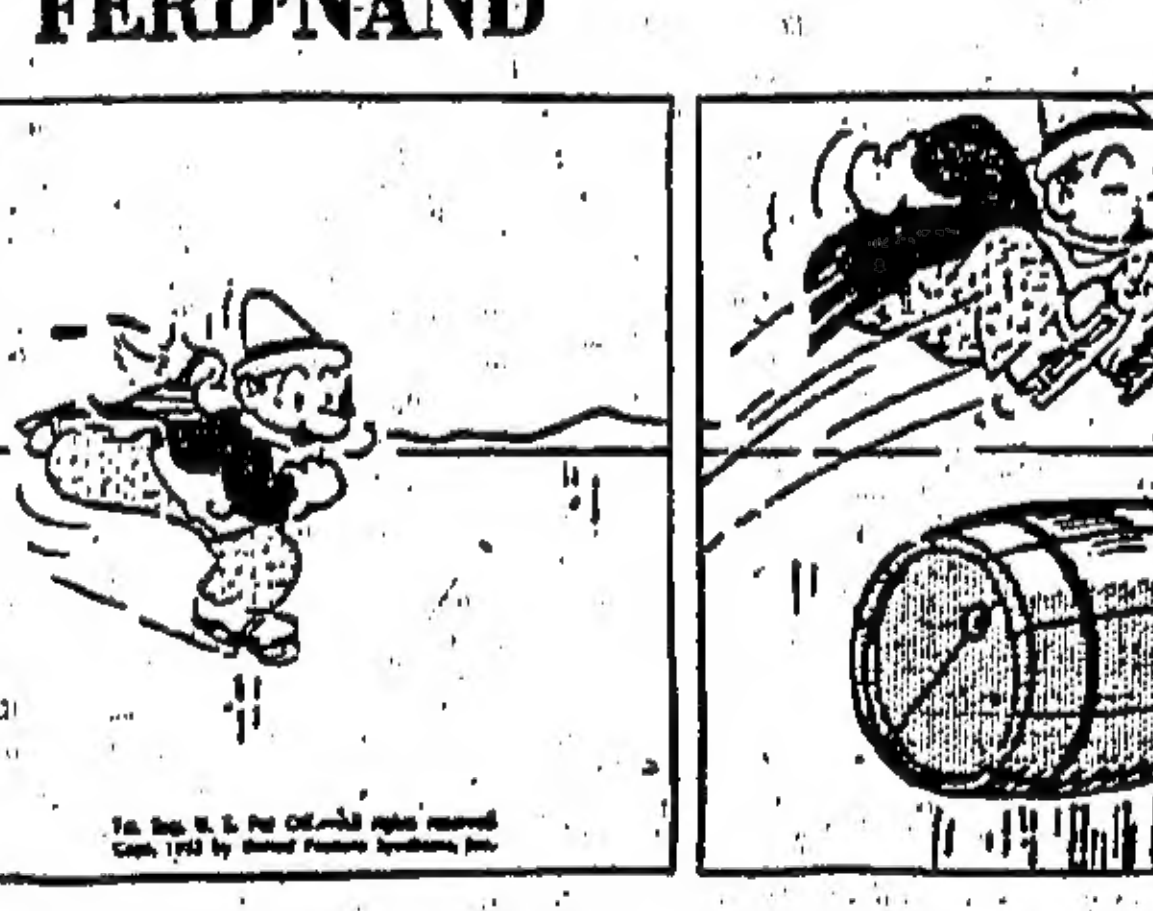
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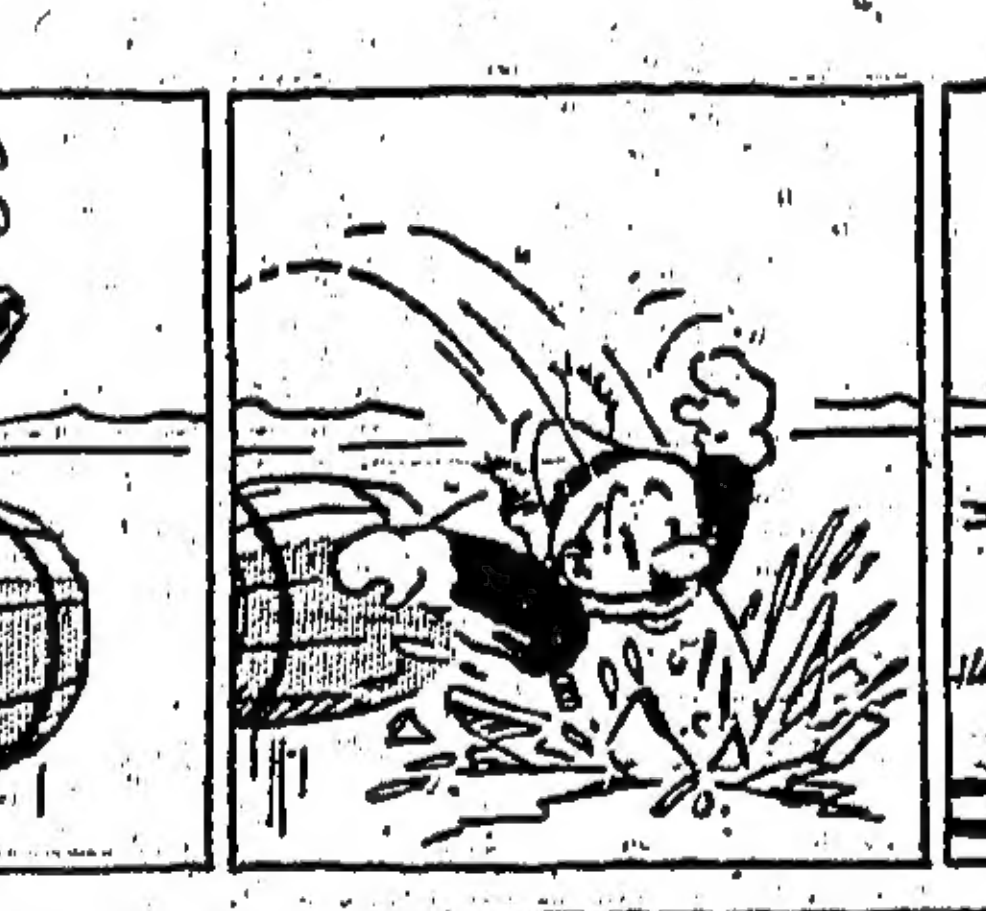
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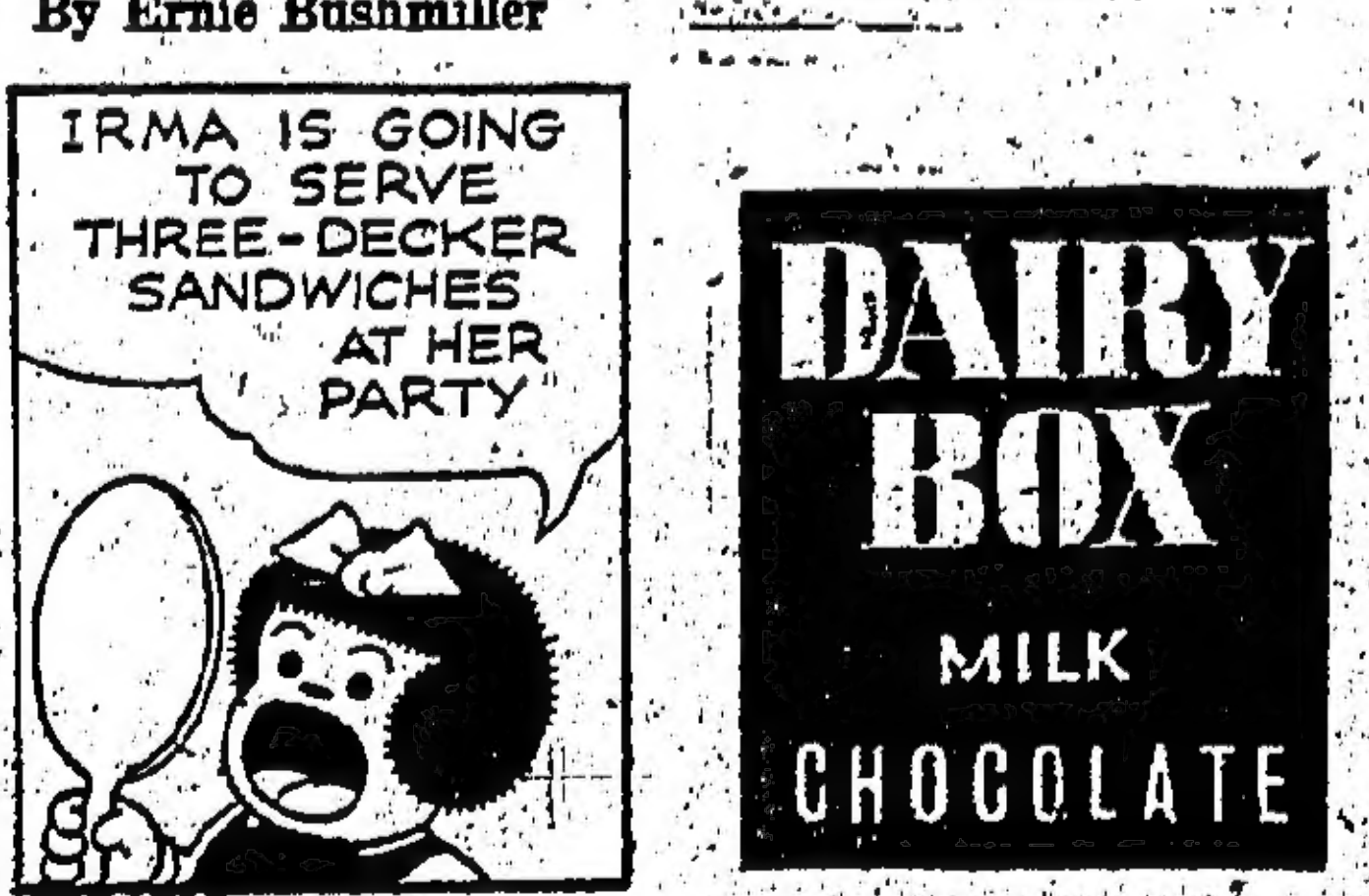
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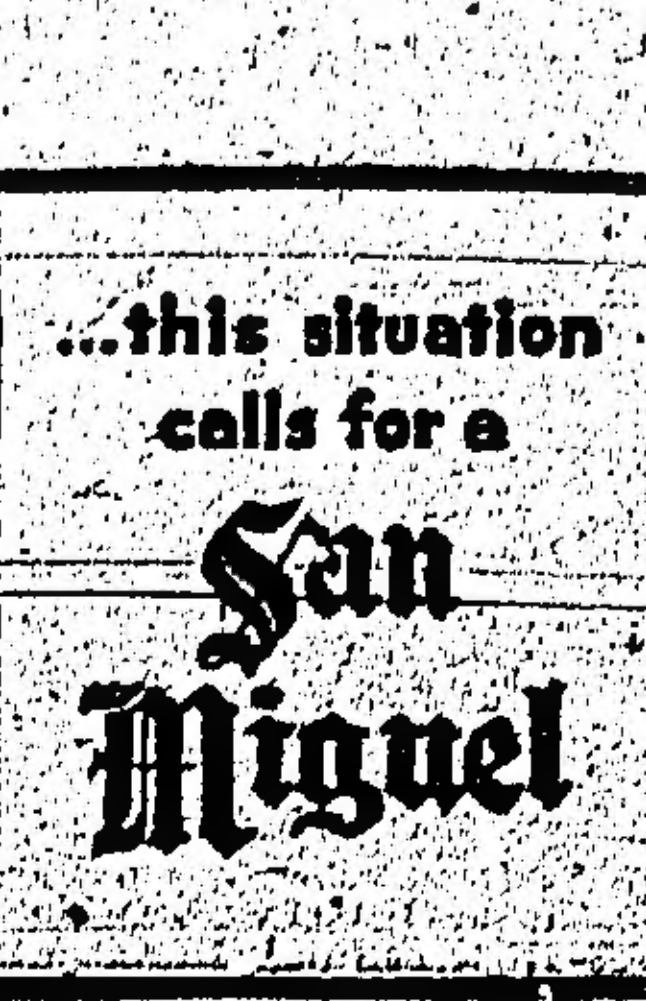
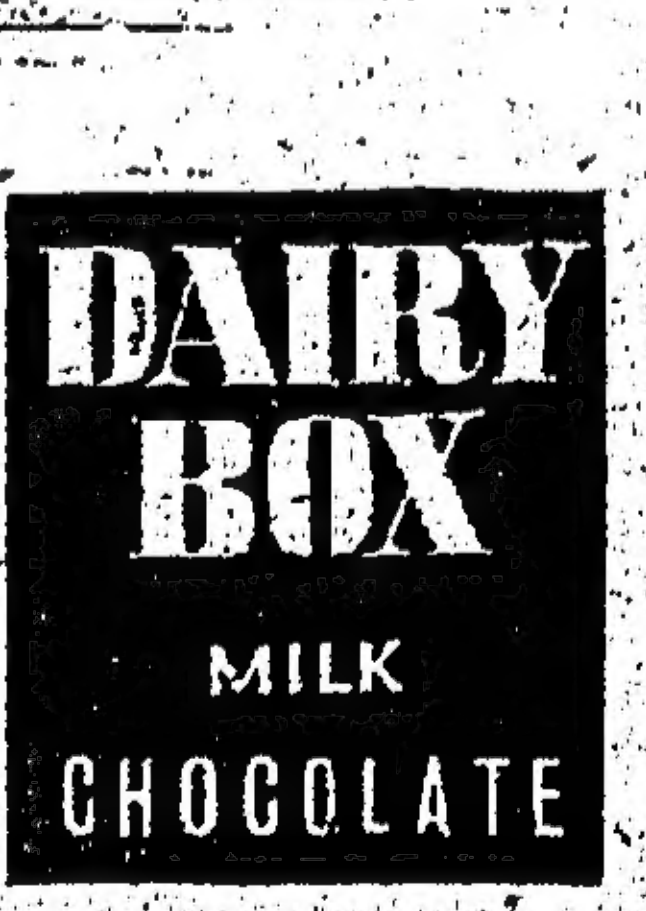
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## Special Assistance For Colonies Under New Trade Plan

Geneva, Mar. 21.  
Britain has won the immediate right to bypass certain world tariff obligations to aid her colonies. A communique issued tonight after a four-month full-scale review of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade said, the 33 other GATT nations, by a special decision had recognised Britain's "special responsibilities" towards her colonies.

## Nuclear Retaliation Warning By Russians

London, Mar. 21.  
The chief of the Soviet Air Force said today that the Red Air Force has both H-bombs and A-bombs and "will be able to use them in the best way for the defence of their Motherland."

Chief Air Marshal Zhigarev, in a review of the Soviet aircraft industry, broadcast by Moscow Radio and monitored here, said that the Soviet Union is "a mighty air power" and warned that they "will not succeed in intimidating the Soviet people with their air force and atomic weapons."

Marshal Zhigarev is the Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Air Force. He was promoted from Air Marshal last week by the Government of Premier Nikolai Bulganin.

"It is known that the U.S. imperialists, in their aggressive designs directed against the countries of the Socialist camp, are putting the main emphasis on the air force and atomic weapons," Marshal Zhigarev said.

"But the imperialist aggressors will not succeed in intimidating the Soviet people with their air force and atomic weapons. The Soviet people have both and it necessary will be able to use them in the best way for the defence of their Motherland."

Marshal Zhigarev said that the Soviet Air Force feels that only the "strict and harmonious development and co-ordination" of thermo-nuclear weapons can secure their success in battle.

"Our Air Force, in co-operation with other arms, is fully capable of carrying out successfully the most diverse battle tasks in the complex conditions of contemporary fighting," he said.—United Press.

## Russian Contracts 'Modified'

London, Mar. 21.  
A textile engineering firm at Oldham, Lancs, Platt Brothers, announced today that Russia had "modified" contracts placed with the company a year ago.

An official of the firm said: "It is not possible at the moment to assess what this means in terms of value or machines."

Arrangements are being made for a director to visit Moscow to clarify the position.

There has been no official cancellation of orders and the firm thinks the "modification" may refer to a change of delivery dates.

The Russian trade delegation in Britain testified to the company on behalf of the Russian importing agency.

Mr. S. C. Sevard, Sales Director of the firm, led a trade delegation to Russia last year which secured £27,000,000 worth of orders for firms in North-west England. He is now on a Far East business tour and will visit China.—Reuter.

The GATT signatories had given Britain the right "effective immediately" to give special assistance to her colonial territories largely dependent on the British market, it added.

This could be done through actions which hitherto were "inconsistent with the provisions" of the seven-year old agreement.

But the communique stressed that these rights would apply only in cases where the industry or agriculture of the colonial territory would be benefited—not industry or agriculture in Britain or any other country.

But Britain's GATT partners, it was disclosed, have directed it to report annually on any special help of this kind to her 40 colonies.

NOT SPECIFIED  
The communique did not specify the forms of "special assistance" included in the concession.

The 34 member countries of GATT also announced special facilities for aiding under-developed countries, another concession which will help British colonies.

Under the new provisions under-developed areas will be able:

(1) To maintain "sufficient flexibility in their tariff protection" for granting tariff preferences necessary for the establishment of home industries.

(2) To apply quantitative import restrictions to protect their balance of payments. This would take account of the continued high level of demand for imports likely to stem from their economic development programmes.

The communique said that the GATT nations had also adopted a resolution urging external capital investment in the under-developed countries generally.

This would stimulate economic development in those countries and at the same time make it less necessary for them to impose import restrictions.

Britain and the United States are the only countries which, alone, can block the formation of the proposed Organisation for Trade Co-operation, it was pointed out tonight.

## JAPAN'S POSITION

Japan is mentioned in the single annex of the new agreement.

Japan is at present only an associate member of the 34-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

The annex says that if the new agreement is accepted before Japan accedes to GATT Japan's 2.3 per cent of the total external trade shall not be included in the trade percentages of the 34 GATT members needed to bring the OTC into being under Article 17.

If Japan has acceded before the agreement is accepted, then her 2.3 per cent of world trade will be included, the annex says.—Reuter.

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.35, Concert by the Band of the Royal Air Force Far East, conducted by Flight Lieut. W.G. Newman R.A.F. (Receivers); 8.00, First Hearing presented by Hugh Sullivan (Studio); 7.30, Sunday Serenade, 7.30, La Londe-Henry Francaise Presentation de Mme Lora, Presentation des Chateaux de la Loire (Studio); 1.00, Weather Report, 1.15, Time Signal, 1.30, The Story of H.M.S. Kelly, written and produced by Kenneth J. Footman (BBC); 10.30, At the Aurora's Wedding (Tchaikovsky); 11.00, Time Signal, 11.15, Weather Report, 11.30, Goodnight Music, God Save The Queen, 11.30, Close Down.

## Amah Hurt In Fall

Ho Ling, an amah washing windows in Gloucester Building was badly cut this morning when she slipped and fell on to the brick coloured panes of a skylight. She was rushed off by ambulance to Queen Mary Hospital where her cuts were stitched. She is expected to be comfortable.

## Venice's Gondolas Are Snowbound



Europe's cold spell has reached Venice and the City of Gondolas and canals presents an unusual sight. No one wants to ride in a gondola that is covered with snow and in this picture they can be seen tied up at the side of the canal waiting for the sun which will permit their return to normal business.—London Express Photo.

## 'Superspeed' Gliders Now Possible

Washington, Mar. 21.  
Pilot rocket-propelled gliders capable of getting to any part of the earth in two hours are now within the realm of possibility, Dr. Walter S. Dornberger said today.

Dr. Dornberger, a specialist in guided missiles at the Bell Aircraft Aviation Works, was speaking today at the 28th annual meeting of the Medical Aeronautical Association.

He said that such a machine would be launched by rockets.

After attaining an altitude of 40 miles, it would flatten out and fly towards its destination at the rate of 15,000 miles an hour, in a very low-pressure zone, where external temperature would be in the region of 20 degrees.

Under such "superspeed" conditions the pilot's blood would rise to boiling point if adequate precautions were not taken, the doctor added.—France-Press.

## Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for registered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 22

Korea, 6 p.m.  
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, U.S.A. & Canada, 5 p.m.  
By Surface:  
Macao, 6 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

By Air:  
Indo-China, 6 a.m.  
Formosa, Korea, Japan, Korea, Canada, 11 a.m.  
Thailand, 2 p.m.  
Zanzibar, 2 p.m.  
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.  
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.  
Thailand, Denmark, Norway & Sweden, 6 p.m.  
Formosa, 6 p.m.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 24

By Air:  
Japan, 8 a.m.  
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 10 a.m.

## NEW PUBLICATION ON HONGKONG BEING PREPARED

To Be Dedicated To Governor

A Hongkong Business Symposium is in the course of preparation and is being dedicated to His Excellency The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, who has been largely instrumental in helping local businessmen and industrialists, to promote enterprises.

The publication, now being compiled by the well-known local historian, Mr. J. M. Braga, is to be printed by the South China Morning Post, Ltd.

It will be an outstanding reference book on Hongkong, and its declared purpose is to disseminate accurate information on the many aspects of the Colony's commerce, finance, industry and administration.

Special articles are being prepared by many of the leading members of the community, each of whom is an authority in the particular sphere being reviewed. Mr. Braga explains that although Hongkong has been known as a commercial entrepot it is not generally known that the Colony has developed in recent years into a very important industrial centre, where by employment has been found for the many hundreds of thousands who have poured in since the war.

CLEAR PICTURE  
The book will have a wide distribution and would thus bring before merchants a clear picture of Hongkong as a business and industrial centre.

It will also show what has been accomplished in the matter of social welfare during the past few years and in the expansion of the Colony in many ways.

The Symposium aims to give a clear picture not only of the present position, but also of the great possibilities for future expansion and trade, and will be a permanent record of what Hongkong has been in the past and what it is today.

## 'Relative Values' Postponed

The Garrison Players' Festival of Arts production of "Relative Values" will not be presented at the Mission to Seamen this evening as indicated in the "Coming Events" column of the S.C.M. Post this morning. The play will be staged on April 22 and 23. Postponement was due to unavoidable circumstances.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I hope she isn't serious about that boy she always converses with in five talk! Could you dig a whole family using that chatter?"

## SURVEYOR GIVES EVIDENCE IN RATING APPEAL

Hearing of an appeal brought by the Hongkong Cold Storage and Food Industries Ltd., of Wharf Road, North Point, against an interim valuation of their cold storage godown space by the Commissioner of Rating and Valuation, continued before Judge A. D. Scholes in the Victoria District Court this morning.

The valuation, dated November 28, 1954, was in respect of Marine Lot No. 430, section B, subsection 1, Wharf Road, in which the godown is situated, in the sum of \$107,580 effective from September 1, 1954.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong, of Messrs Deacons, represented the appellants. Mr. J. W. D. Hobbie, Crown Counsel, appeared for the Commissioner of Rating and Valuation. Officials of the Rating and Valuation Department were also in Court.

The ground of appeal is that the premises involved were unfairly assessed and the respondent having calculated the rent at which the tenement might reasonably be expected to be let on the basis of the statutory definition of rateable value in the Rating Ordinance, Cap. 118, at a figure higher than the rates of comparable tenements, which, fairly and truly represent their letting value.

It was stated at a previous hearing that the premises had been assessed at 43 cents per square foot for the ground floor, exclusive of rates, and 40 cents for the upper floors.

Appellants' case was that these figures were grossly excessive and they alleged that in the case of a comparable building in the same street the premises were assessed at 26 cents per square foot. Relying on this, Mr. K. B. Alport, qualified chartered surveyor, had assessed the rent per square foot per month in respect of appellants' godown at 28 cents for the ground and first floors, and 27 and 26 cents for the second and third floors respectively.

Mr. Alport was further cross-examined by Mr. Hobbie this morning. In giving evidence at an earlier hearing, he had said he inspected the godown of the China Cold Storage and Engineering Company at 143-145 King's Road. The total area was approximately 7,000 square feet, of which about 5,500 square feet was estimated to be cold storage space. He further said he had been informed the rent of this godown was \$1,850 inclusive per month and the rateable value was \$28,700 per annum. The overall rental was 20 cents per square foot per month when it was worked out.

NOT SEEN LEASE  
In reply to Mr. Hobbie, witness said he had not seen the China Cold Storage's lease, dated October 15, 1952. He accepted from Counsel that one of the conditions was that the tenant would pay any increase in rates which might be payable in respect of conversion of the premises to a cold storage. He agreed that the inclusive rental for the premises was \$1,850 per month, with the rates paid by the landlord. He had worked out the rental, exclusive of rates, at \$1,440 per month.

Witness said he was informed some three weeks ago by the tenant that he had no rates. Mr. Hobbie: Do you know the tenant had spent \$80,000 on conversion of the premises into a cold storage?

Witness: I cannot say what he spent. Obviously he spent some money.

On this amount of \$80,000, what return would you expect as reasonable? The answer to what question is difficult without knowledge of all the facts. It appears that the improvements might not be entirely effective capital improvements, but necessary in order to make the premises suitable.

Again, two years ago, the expenditure of \$80,000 on improvements might have been worthwhile, whereas today they might not be so remunerative. Some of the expenditure might have been spent on non-remediable improvements.

Mr. Alport said the return on \$80,000 today might be one to two per cent. In his opinion, he did not think the tenant would get more than the rental he was now paying today. He would estimate the return on capital improvements at the time they were made at 10 per cent.

NEW PREMISES  
Witness agreed that, during the past 12 months, four new cold storage premises had been built. He estimated a 10 per cent return of new premises expressly designed for cold storage purposes.

Mr. Hobbie: Why is it the conversion of an old building is completely useless or unrateable as a cold storage?

Witness: I am not saying that. You expect to increase in rent on account of this particular building being converted into a cold storage. In my opinion, I do not believe it would command a greater rental than it is at the moment as a cold storage.

What you are saying is that the cost of conversion in this particular case added nothing to the value of the ground floor? A converted cold storage is not worth the same. At the time of conversion it was worth while. I don't believe the average operator of a cold storage would convert these premises today at \$80,000.

In reply to the Court, Mr. Alport agreed that the improvements would add something to the sitting tenant, but he did not think the operator of a cold storage today would want to enter into a converted building; he would prefer new premises.

## SOVIET MINISTER DISMISSED

Paris, Mar. 21.  
The Soviet Minister of Culture, Mr. G. F. Alexandrov, has been dismissed for "incompetence" in the latest of a series of cabinet changes in the Soviet Union, Radio Moscow reported tonight.

The dismissal was decided upon by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet on the recommendation of Premier Marshal Nikolai Bulganin. The Soviet Ambassador to Poland, A. A. Mikhailov, has been appointed Minister of Culture to replace Alexandrov, the Radio added.

Georgi Alexandrov had been Minister of Culture since February 10, 1954.

He wrote a book called "The History of West European Philosophy" which was severely criticised on June 24, 1947, by one of Stalin's followers, Andrei Zhdanov, the Soviet Cultural Affairs chief.

Zhdanov at the time lashed out at Alexandrov's "professional objectivity and cold and indifferent manner of presenting facts."

## NEW MINISTER

The new Minister of Culture, 54-year-old Nikolai Mikhailov, was First Secretary of the Central Committee for Communist Youth from 1933 to 1952. Mikhailov was elected to the Communist Party Central Committee in 1939 and appointed to one of the 10 secretarial posts of the enlarged Presidium of the Central Committee in 1952.

Mikhailov was a member of the supreme court which condemned the Minister of the Interior, Lavrenti Beria to death in December, 1953.

He was appointed Ambassador to Poland last March 28.—France-Press.

## Dulles' New Plan For Ceasefire

Washington, Mar. 22.  
The United States has begun to sound out a number of friendly Governments with a new plan for the solution of the Formosa problem; it was learned today.

Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, already has had a very favourable response from Mr. Robert Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, who left Washington on Sunday to report to an extraordinary session of his full Cabinet on March 30.

Details of the new plan have been a closely guarded secret and informed sources said the negotiations "now under way" were of an extremely delicate nature and still were in an exploratory stage.

But from what was learned of the general outline of the plan, which amounted to a Formosa ceasefire formula, it seemed that the proposal "at several steps further than the New Zealand-sponsored ceasefire move in the United Nations last month."

The plan aims at establishing the Formosa Straits position and ending the shooting between the Nationalist and Communist regimes of China.

The New Zealand ceasefire move has been temporarily suspended although it still is on the Security Council agenda—mainly because of Communist China's refusal to acknowledge the United Nations jurisdiction in the quarrel with the Nationalists.

It was understood that the United States had explained the new formula to three friendly nations in addition to Australia.—Reuter.

## Pacifist Resigns

London, Mar. 21.  
The town of Nelson in Lancashire, found itself with a new mayor today. The deputy mayor took over the duties of Mr. Richard Eland, who Mr. Eland resigned because 100 Royal Air Force men will carry loaded bombs while serving as honour guard for the April visit of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

A pacifist, Mr. Eland opposed the practice of receiving Royalty with an armed guard, but he was voted down by the Municipal Council and resigned.

## Still Waiting

An official of the Japanese Consulate-General here said this morning that there has been no development in the hold-up of a trade mission from the People's Republic of China who are to visit Japan.

The vice-section of the Consulate-General are still awaiting instructions from Japan on what name they are to use when referring to China.

The newest outbreak of volcanic activity laid a thick volcanic haze of smoke and ash along the entire 300-mile-long Hawaiian island chain. Mount Kilauea has been active for the past 21 days.

The eruption sent a wide river of lava down a slope toward the sea. By nightfall the lava had moved three miles through tropical jungle and pastureland and was less than a mile from the sea.—United Press.